Our Kingdom 5

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AKIRA and Rei are done with the awkward stage. Growing ever so close, their feelings have begun to smolder and the only way to quell the fire is to physically consummate the relationship. But before they can do so, Rei's nephew Raoul resurfaces to stir up trouble once again. Things come to a head when Raoul decides to stay in Japan, and pretty soon, uncle and nephew come to blows!

Rivals turned lovers are the boys of Our Kingdom. Even as the story's adult characters begin to iron out their couplings, Rei and Akira's own relationship might prove to be a short-lived love affair. And how does all this affect the candidacy for the next heir to the Takatou business empire?

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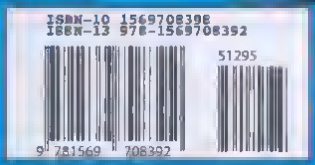
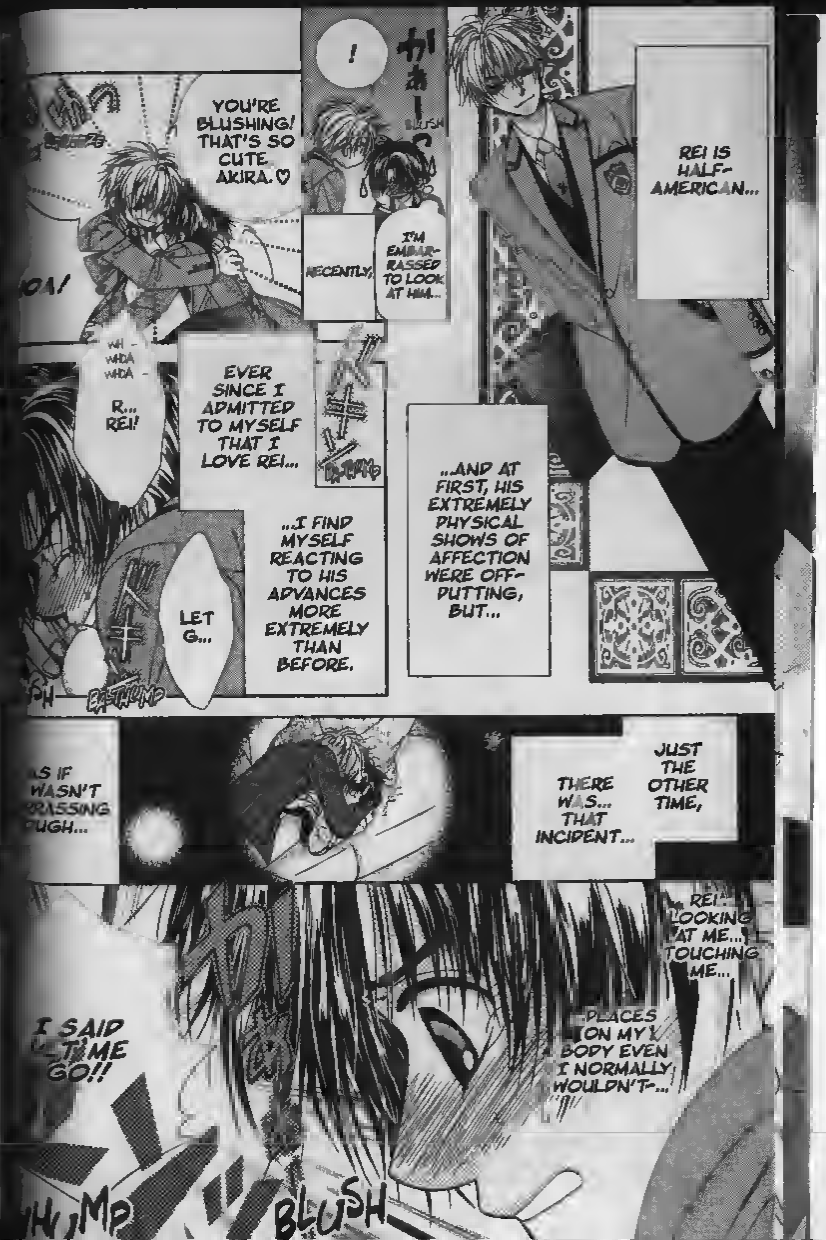


AKIRA...
CAN I DO SOMETHING... NAUGHTY... TO YOU?
WHAT?
N... NAUGHTY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO?
IT'S NOT THAT, BUT - ...DO WHAT?
SOMETHING DIRTY.
HUH?!
...YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT WITH ME?
I...IT'S NOT THAT... BUT...
BY "SOMETHING DIRTY," REI CAN ONLY MEAN -
SOMETHING LIKE... THIS...OR THAT...
THAT WOULD BE TOO EMBARRASSING!!
BLUSH
BY-THUMP
HUH?
- FINE, THEN!
I'LL NEVER TRY TO DO IT WITH YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE.
JOLT
WHAT?
"REST EASY"...?
YOU CAN REST EASY.

AKIRA.
IT'S ALL REI'S FAULT!!
!!
ME! A DREAM LIKE THAT - !!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD A DREAM LI THAT -
BA-THUMP!
KISS ♡
GOOD MORNING. ♡
EVER SINCE THE SPRING, I'VE BEEN LIVING TOGETHER WITH HIM...
...HERE IN THIS MANSION AS CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT HEIR.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S JUST A GOOD-MORNING KISS.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE USED TO THEM BY NOW
I MEAN - YEAH! UH... GOOD MORNING!!
OH! RIGHT!
...IS MY COUSIN REI - THE CAUSE OF MY DISTURBING DREAM.
THIS...
WHA -
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, REI?!
BLUSH
THAT -
...I COULDN'T STAND THAT!!
DOES THAT MEAN...
...REI WILL NEVER TOUCH ME AGAIN?
CHIRP
PIP
かぁ～
BLUSSSHHH
WAIT A MINUTE~

THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT I DON'T LIKE IT OR ANYTHING, BUT..
I MEAN, YEAH! IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT AT ALL!!
U... UM! TH... THIS ISN'T...
"I'LL NEVER TRY TO DO IT WITH YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE.
YOU CAN REST EASY."
OH!
COULD IT HAVE BEEN... AN OMEN...?!!
BA-THUMP
THAT DREAM...
AKIRA...
TUG


!
YOU'RE BLUSHING! THAT'S SO CUTE, AKIRA.♡
I'M EMBARRASSED TO LOOK AT HIM...
RECENTLY,
WA-WADA WADA-
R... REI!
EVER SINCE I ADMITTED TO MYSELF THAT I LOVE REI...
...I FIND MYSELF REACTING TO HIS ADVANCES MORE EXTREMELY THAN BEFORE.
LET G...
EASTHUMP
REI IS HALF-AMERICAN...
..AND AT FIRST, HIS EXTREMELY PHYSICAL SHOWS OF AFFECTION WERE OFF-PUTTING, BUT...
AS IF WASN'T PASSING ENOUGH...
THERE WAS... THAT INCIDENT...
JUST THE OTHER TIME,
REI LOOKING AT ME... TOUCHING ME...
PLACES ON MY BODY EVEN I NORMALLY WOULDN'T-...
I SAID TIME GO!!
BLUSH

THAT DREAM...
"ALL THE WAY"?
I'M RELIEVED..
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY "ALL THE WAY"?
"I'LL NEVER TRY TO DO IT WITH YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE."
OK? SO DON'T WORRY!
IT'S OK! I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL!
THUMP
I SWEAR I'LL KILL HIM FOR REAL!!
I BELIEVE HIM!!
IT WAS JUST A DREAM AFTER ALL...
GOOD MORNING -
CLASS 1-A
MURMUR
MURMUR
SO I HEAR A RELATIVE OF REI'S HAS TRANSFERRED INTO CLASS B. ♡
CLASSMATE DUO -
TAMAKI KAMINOZUKI
&
HIYORI HOZUMI

JUMP
I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM OKUMIYA, BUT...
WH... WHAT IS IT?!
STARTING TODAY...
HE WILL BE COMING TO SCHOOL, TOO.
OH.
"ALL THE WAY"?! WITH WHAT?!
YOU MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE AFTER WHAT WE DID?!
BLUSH
DON'T YOU REMEMBER HE TRIED TO ASSAULT YOU BEFORE?!
NYAH!
RAOUL
YOU MEAN RAOUL?
DON'T WORRY... HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD -
EVEN I...
...STILL HAVEN'T GONE ALL THE WAY WITH YOU...
THAT'S RIGHT...
OH...
YEAH... I KNOW, BUT...

YUR THIS SCHOOL IS ONLY COMPOSED OF CLASSES A AND B, SO -♡
IT BECOMES QUITE A COMPETITION BETWEEN THE RED GROUP VS. THE WHITE GROUP
I FORGOT IT'S NOT HELD IN OCTOBER AT THIS SCHOOL
THAT'S RIGHT! THE ATHLETIC MEET!
OH -
I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MEET... IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. ♡
CLASS B HAS QUITE A FEW ATHLETIC KIDS, TOO...
HOW DID YOU AND RAOUL GET ALONG AT YOUR PREVIOUS SCHOOL, REI?
- HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO GET FIRED UP OVER HIS RIVALRY WITH REI AND STIR UP TROUBLE AGAIN...
THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM IN ITSELF
THAT'S RIG THAT ME RAOUL

HE -
- HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME OR AKIRA!!
AND APPARENTLY...
WHAT?! YOU ALREADY KNOW?!
THAT'S TAMAKI FOR YOU
MY DESK...
IT'S ALREADY ALL OVER THE SCHOOL.
...ATTENDING SCHOOL IN A SMALL ISLAND COUNTRY LIKE THIS!
THINK ABOUT IT - TWO PEOPLE FROM THE WORLD-CLASS MEGA-WEALTHY BASIL FAMILY...
WHAAAAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ALSO E AN TE AS ...
I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ATHLETIC MEET.♡
!
LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT... OKAY?!
REI IS GONNA SNAP!
U... UM, TAMAKI...
SNAP
PANIC
DOESN'T IT?
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT, IT REEKS OF INTRIGUE. ♡
I'VE HEARD HIS GRADES ARE PRETTY GOOD
THEY SAY HE CAN SPEAK JAPANESE, TOO
I HEARD IT FROM THE PRINCIPAL.
WELL... EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S LIKE, BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT! WHO CARES ABOUT ALL THAT!
THUMP
IF HE'S RELATED TO REI, HE'S PROBABLY A JERK ANYWAYS!
SO YOU AND REI GO AWAY SOMEWHERE!!

!
...EVER SAID THE SAME THING ABOUT ME...
IF YOU...
...THAN EVEN BEING HATED
IT WOULD FEEL MUCH WORSE...
AFTER GETTING TO KNOW REI -
...
...
...I'M CONSTANTLY EXPERIENCING EMOTIONS THAT I'VE NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A JERK - TRYING TO PROVOKE ME EVERY TIME WE RUN INTO EACH OTHER...
SO UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS JUST IGNORED HIM.
BEFORE I CAME TO JAPAN, I'D ONLY MET HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES AT CORPORATE PARTIES AND FAMILY FUNCTIONS
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'LL BE ATTENDING THE SAME SCHOOL.
WHAT?! REALLY?!
WALKING TO NEXT CLASS
THEN -
YOU'VE NEVER HAD A FIGHT LIKE THE ONE YOU GUYS HAD LAST TIME...?
IF HE HADN'T GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH YOU -
HIS EXISTENCE WOULD'VE REMAINED OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ME
AN "EXISTENCE OF NO CONSEQUENCE"...
THAT'S BEYOND HATE...
IT MEANS NOT EVEN BEING ACKNOWLEDGED THAT YOU'RE ALIVE...
BUT THAT...

W... WOW, THAT RAOUL'S ALREADY MADE SOME FRIENDS!
TUG
RAOUL USUALLY ACTS STAND-OFFISH BUT HE SEEMS TO BE PRETTY SOCIAL WITH HIS CLASS-MATES...
HUH?
WHA - ...HEY!
THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO CLASS!
I THOUGHT FOR SURE HE'D TRY TO PICK A FIGHT WITH REI AGAIN...
HMPH!
HUH?
WHEW
THAT W SURPRISIN CURT..
RE-...?
THUD
?!
BUMP
RAOUL?!
THAT'S WHY NOW I KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHY RAOUL IS SO OBSESSED WITH REI...
SO...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU DUMMY?!
A SUDDEN ✕ KISS... IN THE MIDDLE OF SCHOOL... AND THAT'S ALL HE HAS TO SAY?!
SHALL WE GO?
SZZZT
HUH?!
REI...
CLASS 1-A
HOMEROOM
OH!
Y... YES!
HEY! YOU THERE! QUIT NADDING AND LISTEN UP!
THE LESS I UNDER-STAND HIM...
THE MORE I HANG OUT WITH HIM...
CLASS CHAIRMAN
WELL THEN - AS I WAS SAYING...
...WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE TWO PEOPLE IN THE PHYS. ED COMMITTEE.
THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ATHLETIC MEET...
PAF
PAF
...IT'S ALWAYS SO SUDDEN...!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE REI DOING STUFF LIKE THAT WITH ME, BUT -

KISS
BA-THUMP
?
FLINCH
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
...
...
...
BLUSH
WH...AT?
...AKIRA.

YES... WELL... SIR RAOUL STILL HASN'T ARRIVED FOR HIS RIDE HOME, EVEN THOUGH THE APPOINTED HOUR HAS PASSED...
...AND I BECAME WORRIED...
CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AS RAOUL'S BODYGUARD
AKIRA? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IF WE'RE LATE FOR THE MEETING, TAMAKI WILL YELL AT US.
I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING HERE?
STANDING BY THE GATE THAT
MR. SHIGURE!
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
SORRY
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE - GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT ME!
THUD!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!
AKIRA SAN!
LONG TIME NO SEE!♡
REI'S WAITING BACK AT THE CLASSROOM.
OH! NO - I'VE GOT THIS MEETING I'VE GOT TO GO TO ABOUT ORGANIZING THE ATHLETIC MEET!
WORRYWART
I TOLD HIM HE COULD GO ON HOME AHEAD, BUT HE JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
UM... ISN'T SIR REI WITH YOU?
N.. NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT! AFTER ALL, THIS IS MY JOB!!
OH, WELL, IT'S ONLY HIS FIRST DAY HERE - MAYBE HE'S LOST SOMEWHERE ON CAMPUS
OKAY - THEN IF I RUN INTO HIM, I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HIM YOU'RE WORRYING!
SHALL I HELP YOU LOOK FOR HIM
HAVE D THE FOR OF TIC MEET, STAY AFTER OOL♡
HUH?!
WHEN WAS THIS DECIDED?
PHYS. ED. COMMITTEE
SO NONAKA-KUN AND HOZUMI-KUN... YOU TWO -
---AFTER SCHOOL
YOU THINK SO? I'M ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
WHAT A PAIN -
MR. SHIGURE!!
YOU THINK? REALLY?
...
YOU'RE MATURE, AREN'T YOU, AKIRA.
MUR MUR
MUR MUR
OF COURSE I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, TOO, BUT...
...ALL THE PREPARATIONS...!
THEY'RE A PAIN
PREPARATIONS CAN BE EXCITING TOO BECAUSE THE ANTICIPATION HEIGHTENS BEFORE THE EVENT!

YOU...
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT, AREN'T YOU.
WHA?
WHA - HEY!
AGAIN?!
OOOM
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
JUST NOW, MR. SHIGURE WAS...
W... WAIT A SECOND!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
H...
WOULD YOU JUST LISTE - ...
HOLD UP!
LISTEN TO ME!
TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU SO FOND OF HIM -
I SEE.
OH...
WHEW
THAT REI SURE IS ONE LUCKY GUY!
REI -
I LIKE YOU TOO MR. SHIGURE!
D DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
YOR
OH!
RAOUL!!
..HE HAS THIS MYSTERIOUS ABILITY TO ATTRACT SO MANY PEOPLE..
..ISN'T HE AWARE OF IT HIMSELF...?

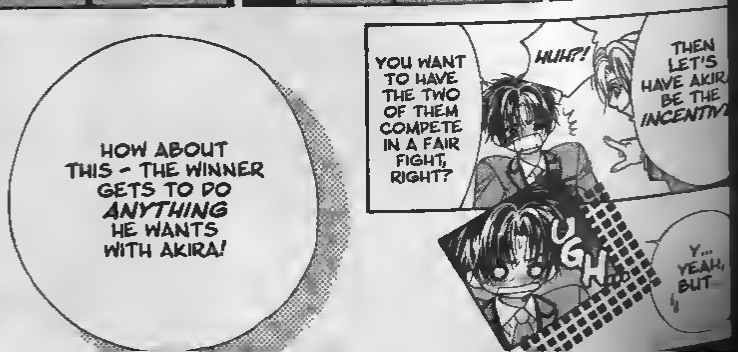
FLARE
GRAB
...BECAUSE LOOK AT HOW HARD YOU'RE TRYING!
...CAUGHT UP IN REI'S MAGIC...
QUIT TRYING TO MEASURE MY FEELINGS -
- WITH YOUR OWN RULER!
GRIP
OW!
YOU KEEP TRYING TO APPROACH ME -
YOU KEEP MEDDLING WITH MY AFFAIRS...!
JUST SEEING REI DISSES ME OFF!
YOU, TOO!!

UP UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH REI SO BADLY THAT YOU WERE EVEN WILLING TO USE ME TO PROVOKE HIM, RIGHT?
HEY, RAOUL -
AND STILL YOU FOLLOW ME ALONG OF YOUR OWN WILL TO THIS SECLUDED PLACE..
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE BY ME BEFORE?
I DON'T GET REI...
WHOA!!
IT'S TRUE!
RAOUL -
IT'S A KIND OF BACK-HANDED WAY OF LIKING SOMEONE.
IN A WAY, IT'S GREAT THAT YOU CAN BE SO FOCUSED ON COMPETING WITH REI LIKE THAT.
WHY DOES HE PREFER SUCH A FOOL LIKE YOU?
THWAP
...HE'S PROBABLY JUST ANOTHER CAPTIVE...
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN THE NEXT ATHLETIC MEET, AREN'T YOU?
OH YEAH!
THUMP
WHY DON'T YOU USE THAT?
...
...
I JUST CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
FLARE
...AND SOMEHOW I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S JUST A BAD PERSON.
INSTEAD OF USING SUCH ROUNDABOUT TACTICS LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO...
...WHY NOT TRY TO DEFEAT REI PROPERLY IN A FAIR FIGHT? I'M SURE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER ABOUT IT -
RUSH
NOW THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
YOU EVEN KEEP INTRUDING...
TO MY LINGS...!
L FEELS AS SIONATELY -
YEAH... I KNOW... YOU'RE RIGHT.
I KNOW I'M A MEDDLER...
IT'S ALL YOUR OWN FAULT!!
SO NO MATTER WHAT HORRIBLE THINGS YOU SUFFER AT MY HANDS -
BOUT REI S I DO...
BUT EEING OU LIKE HIS...
ゴン
BONK
OW!

IT'S SURE TO BE MORE EXCITING IF BASIL AND RAOUL RACE THAN IF ANY OF US DID. ♡
OH, FINE, FINE -
THEN IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU? MR. CLASS B CHAIRMAN?

...
...AM NOT PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I...
WE'RE JUST DISCUSSING MAKING THOSE TWO THE ANCHORS IN THE FRESHMAN RELAY RACE. ♡
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'M CLASS B CHAIRMAN, IKU JYOTOIN
AND OF COURSE WE'VE ALREADY PULLED RAOUL'S PHYSICAL APTITUDE RECORDS FROM AMERICA.


HOW ABOUT THIS - THE WINNER GETS TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTS WITH AKIRA!
YOU WANT TO HAVE THE TWO OF THEM COMPETE IN A FAIR FIGHT, RIGHT?
HUH?!
THEN LET'S HAVE AKIRA BE THE INCENTIVE
UGH
Y... YEAH, BUT...

...HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN...?

!!
...WHY NOT TRY TO DEFEAT REI PROPERLY IN A FAIR FIGHT?
SO THAT MEANS YOU HEARD EVERYTHING WE WERE JUST...?
WHAT?

OH NO... THAT LINE...
...
I JUST WANTED TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO BECOME FRIENDS... THAT'S ALL I WAS TRYING TO DO!!

IF WE PIT THESE TWO AGAINST EACH OTHER -
..IT'S SURE TO BE ONE EXCITING ATHLETIC MEET! ♡

DOWN BOY
TAMAKI -
...AND -
REI?!

- REI...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO ANGER REI...
I'M SORRY...
YOU'RE...MAD ABOUT TODAY, AREN'T YOU?
OH WELL -
I'M SURE WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, HE'LL AGREE IN THE END.
SO LET'S JUST DECIDE ON OUR OWN WHAT DO YOU SAY, CLASS B CHAIRMAN?
GOOD IDEA, CLASS A CHAIRMAN! ♡
BOOO!
?!
S...SO THAT'S HOW HE MEANT IT!! I... I THOUGHT HE MEANT SOMETHING... DIRTY...
WHEW
REI IS SURE TO PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING ♡
OH YEAH! WITH THE PROSPECT THAT HIS BEST FRIEND AKIRA MAY BE PUT TO WORK LIKE A SLAVE -
HEY!
YEAH, YEAH.
OK! SO YOU'LL AGREE, TOO - RIGHT, REI?
OH MY-
I THINK WE MADE HIM REALLY MAD...
I'D LOVE TO SEE REI STRUGGLING IN AN HONEST COMPETITION.
I'LL DO IT.
OKAY -

JOLT!
THE DREAM I HAD TODAY -
WHY SHOULD I TAKE PART IN A STUPID THING LIKE THAT?
"FINE, THEN!
I'LL NEVER TRY TO DO IT WITH YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE, AKIRA!"
PANG
DON'T YOU... HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO WIN?
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CONDITION THAT THE WINNER GETS TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTS WITH ME...?
PANG
I..
I FEEL WEIRD
CLENCH

THE FACT THAT YOU WERE ALONE TOGETHER WITH RAOUL...
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR - IS IT, AKIRA?
YEAH - I'M MAD...
WHAT?
HE'S MAD
BUT
CLENCH
HE'S USUALLY MORE ...VEHEMENT...
THEN...
THE RELAY THAT TAMAKI WAS TALKING ABOUT...

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THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED TO SAY -
I'M WILLING TO DO WHATEVER THE WINNER WANTS.
BUT I FEEL I WANT REI
TO COMPETE FOR ME -

CLAK
!!
I WANT TO TALK TO Y—
HUH? GO WHERE?!
TUG
LET'S GO, HIYORI!!
WHAT ARE WE A COUPLE OF GIRLS?
BUT I DON'T NEED TO GO RIGHT NOW...
THE BATH-ROOM!
L... LET'S GO!!
RIGHT NOW! QUICKLY!! YEAH!!
OH DEAR -
HOW UNUSUAL FOR AKIRA TO IGNORE YOU LIKE THAT, REI -
!!
I'M SCARED!
DASH
GLARE
!!!
CRINGE
...
...
CLASS 1-A
DING
DONG
CHATTER
WHAT'S WRONG, AKIRA?
SHAAA
YEAH.
HUH?!
JUMP
R...REALLY? HAVE I BEEN SIGHING THAT MUCH?!
AKIRA.

HE JUST WANTED TO WASH HIS FACE?
"HOW ABOUT THIS - THE WINNER GETS TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTS WITH AKIRA!"
CLASS B CHAIRMAN
SPLASH
"WHY SHOULD I TAKE PART IN A STUPID THING LIKE THAT?"
IT'S TRUE WHAT REI SAYS, BUT...
I...
I'M WILLING TO DO WHATEVER THE WINNER WANTS
THAT...
...DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU...
PANG
...
AND WHOSE FAULT IS -
ISN'T HE MAD BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T STEP UP AND DECLARE THAT YOU WOULD FIGHT FOR HIM...
?!
TOILET
THE OLD REI I KNOW -
...
...WOULD'VE DONE ANYTHING IF IT WAS FOR AKIRA.

HEY, AKIRA...
EVEN IF I WANT TO PATCH THINGS UP WITH HIM...
...AFTER WHAT I SAID, I'M TOO EMBARRASSED TO EVEN LOOK HIM IN THE FACE...
SLUMP
I'VE BEEN AVOIDING REI SINCE THEN...
AFTER THAT..
URGH
CURSE
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO TEST REI...!
I'M SUCH A FOOL...!
LET'S HURRY AND GO GRAB SOME LUNCH!
I'M HUNGR -
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP WASHING YOUR FACE?
WHA!
?!
OH! THANKS. ♡
HERE.
HOLD ON, I'LL BE RIGHT -
OH! SORRY -
WHERE'S MY HANKY?
SINCE YOU SEEM TO THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR RAOUL IF I WERE TO LOSE TO HIM ..
WHY NOT TRY TO DEFEAT REI PROPERLY IN A FAIR FIGHT? I'M SURE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER ABOUT IT -
SO IF RAOUL IS THE WINNER...
...ARE YOU SAYING YOU'D DO ANYTHING RAOUL WANTED?
THAT'S NOT IT!!
?!
I JUST...
...WANTED YOU TO -
...GIVE YOUR ALL... FOR ME...
CLENCH
SO HARD!
CLUSH

IF I BEAT REI -
ABOUT YESTERDAY'S PROPOSED WAGER...
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE STILL WILLING TO DO ANYTHING?
JOLT
- ABOUT THAT...
REI SAYS HE'S NOT GOING TO PARTICIPATE, SO...
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING
AND ANYWAY...
IT'S NOT "FOR ME"...
IT'S WEIRD TO THINK LIKE THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE...
DIG
YEAH.
I SEE
THANKS FOR THIS.
HE SAYS HE'S NOT PARTICI-PATING!!
?!
HOW CAN THAT BE? ...IT'S FOR YOU
YOU KNOW HE'S.

ARE YOU STUPID?
YOU'RE SOPPING WET... IF YOU WANNA GET WET SO BADLY GO OUTSIDE AND STAND IN THE RAIN!
HUH?
RAOUL...
SEE YA!
HIS FACE... IT'S THE TYPE I DISLIKE...NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE'S A FOREIGNER, TOO I'LL BET HE'S GOT A TERRIBLE PERSONALITY...
A... AKIRA! I'M HEADING BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM AHEAD OF YOU!
JOLT!
SO...
REI'S NOT WITH YOU...?
WIPE
WIPE

ONLY A LITTLE WHILE AGO, I NEVER KNEW SUCH A TIGHTNESS IN MY CHEST...
...SUCH ANXIETY AND FEAR...
IN LOVE WITH REI...
DRIP
DRIP
...I DON'T KNOW...
HUH - WHAT?! OH...
WHAT THE...! YOU MORON! WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?!
PANG
TEAR
"I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW
I'VE CHANGED EVER SINCE I MET REI.
ALL I KNOW IS...
I'M REALLY...
TUG
"SO YOU CAN RELAX."
KCHK
"AKIRA"
IDIOT! YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE!
EVEN I CAN TELL THAT APATHETIC FOOL HAS CHANGED EVER SINCE HE CAME TO JAPAN...
...HE MET YOU... ISN'T THAT RIGHT, AKIRA?
FLASH
"I'M GLAD I MET YOU, AKIRA..."
I WAS ARROGANT TO BELIEVE...
I'M NOT SOMEONE THAT REI WOULD GO THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE FOR...
...THAT REI WOULD DO ANYTHING IF IT WAS FOR ME...
I'M NOT THAT IMPORTANT TO HIM!

...THEN IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU
FLINCH
...BECAUSE IT'S YOU.
WH -
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RAOUL?!
I WANTED TO BE KIND...

A MAN DOESN'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE TO SEE HIM CRYING...
WAIT - MY CONTACTS
LET'S GO, MAN
SHH!
RAOU-...?!
SHOVE
FLINCH
CHAK
HAHAHAHA
OU'VE ANGED, TOO, RAOUL...
WIPE
YOU'VE BECOME MUCH KINDER THAN WHEN WE FIRST MET.

!!
WHAM
-I KNOW.
THWACK
!
RAOU-...!
AFTER REALIZING THAT I LOVE REI...
I'M SORRY...
...HOW THE OTHER PERSON FEELS...
AND WHAT CRUEL THING I'M SAYING.
REI?!
SLAM
?!
WAIT! CALM DOWN, REI!!
JUST BECAUSE HE'S ALONE IN THE BATHROOM WITH RAOUL...

T.P. FOR THE CLEANING HOSE
SQUIRT
SPLOOOSH
SMACK
THIS...
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED...
WHAP
THWACK
- THE "FAIR FIGHT" THAT AKIRA WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER?
IS THIS -
AN ALL-OUT BRAWL FEST
!!
WHOA
WOW... THEY'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING..
SCARY
SPLASH
WHIP
WHACK
DRIBBLE
IF YOU KEEP ON LIKE THAT, ONE OF YOU WILL DIE FOR SURE!
HEY, YOU TWO! COME TO YOUR SENSES! COOL OFF!
YOU GUYS ARE NO AMATEURS!
CUT IT OUT!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM -
YOU TWO!
RAOUL!!
AKI...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
IT'S A LITTLE LATE, BUT...
...THAT'S PAYBACK FOR THE PUNCH YOU GAVE ME BEFORE.
?!!
SNAP
WHAP
REI?!!
WHAM

THWACK!
?!!
AKIRA!
OH!
SHIVER
!!
WHIP
WHOOSH
!!
SLIP
REI!
STO -

PUNNO... HE DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING WITH HIM.
OUT SIDE...? YOU MEAN HE WENT HOME?
SWAK
IF YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR REI
AKIRA?!
FWAP
SHOULD YOU BE OUT OF BED?!
...HE'S THE ONE WHO PUNCHED YOUR LIGHTS OUT!
IT'S OBVIOUS! HE'S TOO ASHAMED TO FACE YOU BECAUSE...
...HE HASN'T BEEN BACK SINCE HE RAN OUTSIDE...
I'M FINE! I'M JUST GONNA GO LOOK FOR REI!
!!
RAOUL!!
GO LOOK FOR HIM BUT IT'S POURING OUTSIDE
...
...I... CAN'T JUST LEAVE
SHAAAA
REI ALONE LIKE THIS..!

...?
DRIP...
AKIRA!!
SOB
TWITCH
...HUH? WHERE AM I...?
HEY, NO! THE SCHOOL DOCTOR SAID YOU HAVE TO REST!
UM... THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO REI..
BANG
...AND RAOUL?

I'M SORRY..
I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT YOU...
I -
...DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HIT ANYONE ELSE ANYMORE, EITHER.
I KNOW.
IT'S OKAY..
SHHHH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'RE SOAKING WET!!
...AKIRA-
SLAP!
IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS..!!
OH!
REI!!
PUNCH

I WANT TO TELL YOU...
...I'M SORRY, TOO...
I DIDN'T WANT TO USE YOU IN SOME WAGER...
...I -
HUG
WHEN I THOUGHT I'D LOST TO RAOUL, EVEN IF BY 1%.
...I MIGHT LOSE YOU TO HIM... I WAS SO SCARED...
KEY
JOLT
I...
BA-THUMP
WHAT WAS I DOING?
BA-THUMP
MY OWN LOVE FOR REI...
YOU KNOW WHAT...?
I LOVE YOU, REI.
BUT EVEN SO -
I LOVE YOU SO, SO MUCH...
SO MUCH THAT IT'S SCARY SOMETIMES...
WILL NEVER CHANGE..
I STILL FEEL HAPPY...
...THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU.

I LOVE YOU, REI.
OH GOOD - NO ONE'S HERE.
THERE'RE NO RE. CLASSES FOR FRESHMEN DURING SIXTH PERIOD...
KLUNK
FIRST YEAR STUDENTS CHANGING ROOMS
FLINCH
TWITCH
NN...
SLURP
OH -
JUMP!
KISS
!
FLINCH
R - REI...
BUT -
IF... ...YOU WANT ME TO STOP AKIRA, I WILL...

OH -
NN!
CLINCH
SLURP
AH!
R...
REI - !
BLUSH
OH!
TWITCH
TWITCH
AH -
WHEN YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME -
REALLY KNEW - WANTED TO HOLD YOU.
BA-THUMP!
REI...
I WANT TO BE TOUCHED LIKE THIS BY YOU, TOO...
I... WANT MORE... OF YOU.
...NN!
NG -!
I -
...WANT THAT EVEN MORE...

OH!
JERK
UNH -!
NN!
TWITCH
TWITCH
REI IS COURSING THROUGH...
OH...
...MY ENTIRE BEING...
- OH?

UH
N!
JERK!
SLIDE
PTCH
AKIRA...
FLINCH
UNH -
TWITCH
...I WAS FULL OF UNCERTAINTY...
...MY HEART... EVERYTHING...
MY MIND WENT BLANK, AND...
THUM...
R...
...EI...
THUM...
LOOK AT ME...

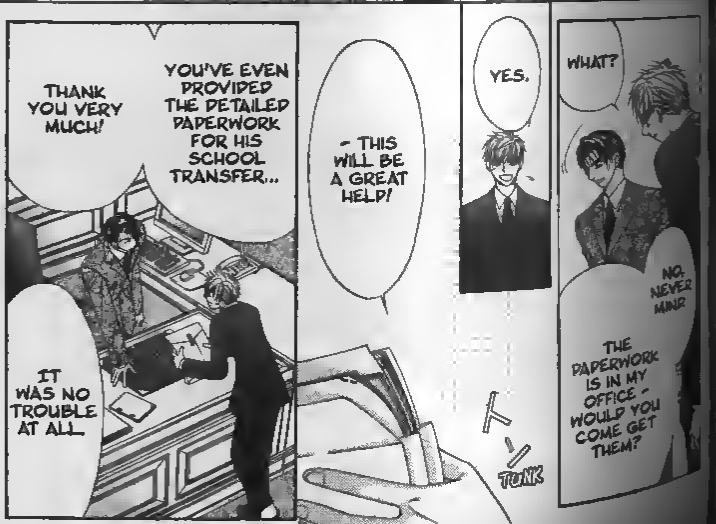
OKUMIYA-SAN AND
SHIGURE-KUN

ARE YOU LEAVING ALREADY, RAOUL?
WE HAVEN'T HOMEROOM YET
YEAH.
I HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE IN JAPAN ANYMORE.
I THINK -
REI WILL PROBABLY RUN IN THE ATHLETIC MEET.
HMM
I THINK...
...NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE ON.
AFTER THAT PUNCH I GAVE HIM...
SO I GUESS AT ALONE MADE TRIP HERE JAPAN WORTHWHILE...

...THERE ARE THINGS YOU TWO SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER."
"BY WORKING TOGETHER."
AFTER THOSE WORDS FROM KEATH,
IT WAS DECIDED THAT MY OLDER BROTHER WOULD BE STAYING BEHIND HERE IN JAPAN,
AND IN THE FEW DAYS SINCE THEN...
MR. SUGURE!
LONG TIME NO SEE. YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD US YOU WERE HERE! ♡
YEAH
SIR REI! AKIRA-SAN!
ON YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL?
OH
GLARE!
UH... N- NO!
IF YOU'RE HERE... DOES THAT MEAN RAOUL IS HERE, TOO?
OH-
SIR RAOUL IS STILL BACK AT THE HOTEL WE'RE CURRENTLY STAYING IN!
I'VE BEEN REASSIGNED AS SIR RAOUL'S BODYGUARD
SHIZUKA OKUMIYA-
A LOYAL SERVANT OF ONE OF JAPAN'S TOP WEALTHY FAMILIES, THE TAKATOUS...
AS SIR REI'S BODYGUARD, I HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WITH HIM...
HOWEVER...

OH!
BROTHER... AND -
...MR. OKUMIYA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OH - YES! TO DISCUSS SIR RAOUL'S PROSPECTIVE PLACE OF RESIDENCE DURING HIS STAY IN JAPAN...
SMILE
YOU HAD BUSINESS WITH ME, DIDN'T YOU?
ANY GUESTS FROM THE BASIL FAMILY ARE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT?
MADAM
...THERE HAVE JUST BEEN TOO MANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING SIR RAOUL AROUND HERE.
AND HOUSE YOU BOTH HERE AS WELL, BUT...
IN TRUTH, I'D LIKE TO HONOR MADAM'S WISHES
HUH?!
I WILL BE WAITING AHEAD IN THE CAR. PLEASE FOLLOW SOON.
URK!
VERY WELL - IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL.
W. WAIT
BUT IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN MR. SHIGURE!
MOVED
Y' KNOW...
SINCE YOU'VE GONE AWAY WITH RAOUL TO LIVE AT THE HOTEL, MR. SHIGURE -
...WE HARDLY EVER SEE YOU ANY-MORE AND IT'S BEEN KINDA LONELY.
O... OR NOT.
WITH YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING
...I CAN STILL DROP BY HERE OCCASIONALLY AND SEE YOUR FACES. SO...
IT'S ALL RIGHT... AS LONG AS I'M ABLE TO STAY HERE IN JAPAN.
SIR REI, AKIRA-KUN, WHAT EVER ARE YOU DOING THERE?

N... NO SIR! MY BROTHER IS WITH THEM, SO EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE!
FEELING ANXIOUS?
HA...
- THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, BUT...


THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
YOU'VE EVEN PROVIDED THE DETAILED PAPERWORK FOR HIS SCHOOL TRANSFER...
IT WAS NO TROUBLE AT ALL
- THIS WILL BE A GREAT HELP!
YES.
WHAT?
NO, NEVER MIND
THE PAPERWORK IS IN MY OFFICE - WOULD YOU COME GET THEM?
TONK

- MR. OKUMIYA..
!!
DOOM
...WE WOULD'VE HAD MORE TIME TO DALLY.
IF AKIRA-KUN HADN'T OVER SLEPT...
WELL THEN, I LEAVE THEM IN YOUR CARE
YES
SOMEHOW IT'S LIKE HAVING TWO MR. OKUMIYAS AROUND...
YES, MR. SAGIRI IS MUCH MORE STRICT THAN SHIGURE-KUN EVER WAS.
CHUCKLE

I MAY NOT SEEM LIKE IT, BUT REI MISSES YOU TOO
COME BACK AGAIN ANY TIME, OKAY?
Y... YES!
WE'RE ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
IS THERE NO PLACE FOR ME HERE ANYMORE...?
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT MR. SAGIRI

- I... SEE.
MY BROTHER REALLY MUST BE GREAT...
...TO HAVE YOU SAY THAT ABOUT HIM.
TRUM
TRUM
TRUM
AS LONG AS...
CLENCH
MY BROTHER'S HERE...
SO DEPENDABLE THAT...
...THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANY WORDS OF GUIDANCE FROM ME.
- YES, THAT'S TRUE.
UNLIKE YOU..
...MR. SAGIRI IS VERY DEPENDABLE.
...IT MAKES ME SUSPICIOUS.
...WHEN YOU'RE SO OVERLY HUMBLE -
I ALREADY UNDERSTAND THAT, TO YOU, BIG BROTHER IS NUMBER ONE, BUT -
N...NO, SIR!!
AND ABOUT SIR RAOUL'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE DURING HIS STAY IN JAPAN...
IF IT LOOKS LIKE HE IS GOING TO BE HERE FOR SOME TIME... PERHAPS HE REALLY SHOULD USE ONE OF THE DETACHED GUEST ROOMS ON THESE PREMISES...
I SEE...
THEN WHAT ABOUT AT A PENTHOUSE -
...IN A HIGH-RISE MANSION? THERE'S ONE UNDER MY NAME NEAR HERE. WOULD THAT DO?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I'M ALWAYS CAUSING YOU SO MUCH BOTHER, MR. OKUMIYA...

...THAT IF I COULDN'T GET MY BROTHER TO ACKNOWLEDGE ME...!
...NEED CONCERN YOURSELF WITH...
IT'S NOT ANYTHING THAT YOU...
MR. OKUMIYA...
...I WOULD SOMEHOW DISAPPEAR...
I'M SURE MR. OKUMIYA ALSO WOULD PREFER...
THAT I -
BECOME MORE LIKE MY BROTHER...
?!
AND YET, WHEN YOUR BROTHER SAGIRI ARRIVED...
I'M... A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.
...YOU RELINQUISHED THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO HIM WITHOUT A FIGHT...
...
...
...THAT YOU WANTED TO PROTECT SIR REI, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU'VE SAID BEFORE...
A LITTLE BROTHER ...N OF A DIFFERENT MOTHER?
RELATED...EVEN THOUGH WE'RE SO UNALIKE?"
"YOU AND I...
ARE DIFFERENT."
"SO WHY...
...DO YOU TRY SO HARD...
TO BE ME?"
PANG
- I...
- I'VE BEEN
JOLT
WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?
I'M...NO...T NEED...ED?

GOOD-BYE!
KOHH
THANK YOU...
...SO HAPPY WHEN HE TOLD ME HE WAS FOND OF ME.
SLAM
- WHAT AM I DOING...
WHAT I REALLY MEANT TO SAY WAS -
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED TO SAY...
FOR EVERYTHING...
"SHIGURE-KUN -
THRUM
...DISAPPOINTED? OH.
THRUM
...BY, MR. OKUMIYA...!?
I'VE BECOME DISLIKED...?
THRUM
I... I WILL BE TAKING MY LEAVE NOW!
I...
I'M SOR... RY...
...FOR CAUSING YOU DISAPPOINTMENT...
I WAS...

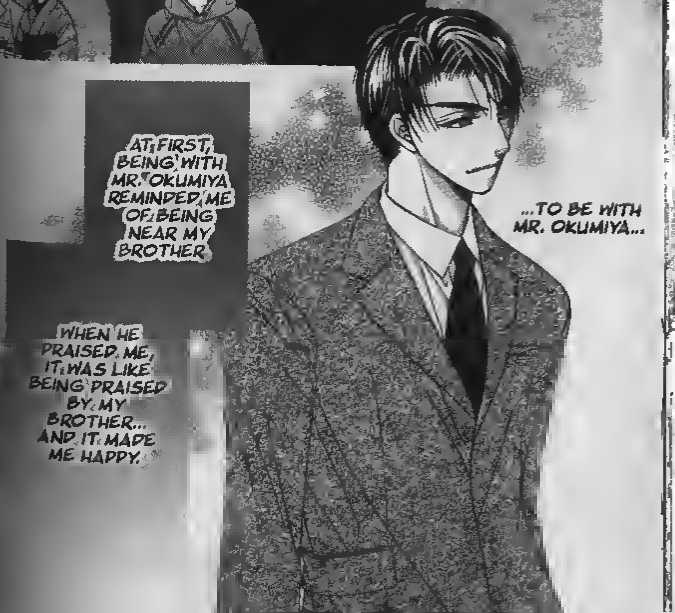
HI... C...
HE'S NO LONGER JUST A SUBSTITUTE FOR MY BROTHER.
...BUT SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO ME...
I'VE FINALLY BECOME UNNEEDED... FOR REAL THIS TIME...
...HIC
PLOP

BROTHER...
YES...
DID YOU.. NEED SOME-THING?
YEAH... I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO SEE ME CRYING, SO...

SO YOU WERE HERE.
SHIGURE.

AS HAPPY AS I COULD STAY AND HERE IN JAPAN.
SOB
EVEN IF I COULDN'T BE SIR REI'S BODYGUARD...

...TO BE WITH EVERYONE...

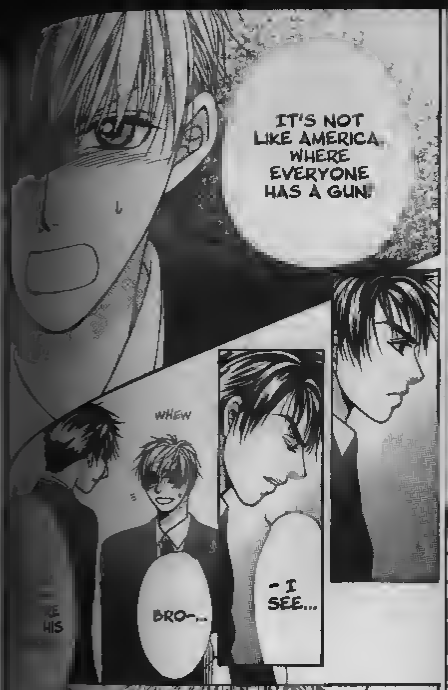

AT FIRST, BEING WITH MR. OKUMIYA REMINDED ME OF BEING NEAR MY BROTHER.
WHEN HE PRAISED ME, IT WAS LIKE BEING PRAISED BY MY BROTHER... AND IT MADE ME HAPPY.
...TO BE WITH MR. OKUMIYA...

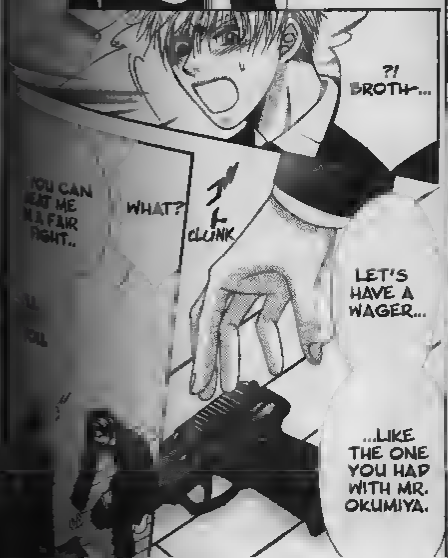
AND...
CLENCH
I'VE BEEN RELUCTANT TO EVEN CARRY ONE ON ME...
...IT'S FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION.
I'VE BEEN AFRAID...
...THAT I MIGHT KILL SOMEONE ACCIDENTALLY...
TH... THAT'S...
...YOUR SHOOTING SKILLS ARE EQUAL TO - NO - BETTER THAN MINE, RIGHT?
ALTHOUGH YOU'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SHOT ANYONE...
...YOU RELINQUISHED THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO HIM WITHOUT A FIGHT..."
TO PROTECT SIR REI ALL THE MORE!
IT MADE ME WANT...
"AND YET, WHEN YOUR BROTHER SAGIRI ARRIVED
...
...
- N...
"I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU."
THROB
U... UM! THIS IS FROM WHEN I RUBBED MY EYES TOO HARD BEFORE...!
I... I WON'T BLEED AGAIN, DAD...!
PANIC
WHAT?!
BLUSH
-YOUR EYES... THEY'RE RED.
WAS HE CRYING?
JUMP!
A G... GUN?!
HANG IN TO IT
THIS...
...IS WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
UM, BUT THE POSSESSION OF A GUN IS UNLAWFUL IN JAPAN WITHOUT SPECIAL -
I KNOW THAT.
IT'S FOR WHEN UNLAWFUL THINGS HAPPEN.
S SHONG, SHUURE?
CHK

...YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO DISOBEY AN ORDER OF MINE AGAIN!
BUT IF YOU LOSE...
...YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS LINE OF WORK.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT.
I CAN'T LET MR. OKUMIYA STAY DISAPPOINTED IN ME!!
I UNDERSTAND! I'LL DO IT!!

THE DOJO?
...I SAW HIM HEADING OVER TO THE DOJO...
MR. SAGIRI? AFTER HE DROPPED SIR REI AND AKIRA-SAN OFF AT SCHOOL...

HAVE YOU SEEN MR. SAGIRI ANYWHERE?
YANAGI-SAN.


IT'S NOT LIKE AMERICA, WHERE EVERYONE HAS A GUN!
WHEW
BRO-...
-I SEE...


?! BROTH-...
YOU CAN BEAT ME IN A FAIR FIGHT..
WHAT?
CLUNK
LET'S HAVE A WAGER...
...LIKE THE ONE YOU HAD WITH MR. OKUMIYA.

NO.
NOT EVEN IF IT'S AN ORDER FROM YOU!
SHOVE
THIS IS JAPAN

WHAM
THWAP
WHACK
SHIGURE-KUN?!
...WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?
MR. OKU
WHSH
UGH!
SLIP
SHIGURE-KUN!!
THUD!
BLAM
...GH!
WHIP
WHIP
THWACK
I CAN TELL YOU'RE SUB-CONSCIOUSLY GOING EASY ON ME!
FIGHT SERIOUSLY!
THUD

I WAS SUPPOSED...
TO BE TRYING HARDER SO AS NOT TO DISAPPOINT HIM ANY FURTHER...
...MR. OKUMIYA RAN OVER WORRIEDLY TO TALK TO ME, BUT...
THUNK
...I'LL TAKE THOSE TWO GORILLAS I HATE ALONG WITH ME.
STUPID BRUTES
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME GOING ALONE...
SO YOU CONCENTRATE ON HEALING YOURSELF UP! GOT THAT?!
SIGH
...I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO EVEN LOOK AT HIM.
SIR RAOUL
!
YOU...!
- AFTERWARDS...
WHAT ARE YOU
I'M SORRY, SIR RAOUL...
A MORON?!
YOU SURE ARE ONE NO-GOOD BODYGUARD!
GOING OUT SOME
SIGH
...
...
YES...
N... NO!
IF YOU'RE GOING OUT, I'LL GO WITH YOU!

WHY?
...I CAN'T.
...
...
I COULDN'T STAND TO SEE YOU ANY MORE DISAPPOINTED IN ME...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO THANK ME, I PREFER YOU LOOK ME IN THE FACE.
FLINCH
IT HURTS MY HEART...!
I'M FRIGHTENED...
GRAB
?!
RIGHT NOW -
?! UH...
I'M NOT DISAPPOINTED... I'M ANGRY WITH YOU!
PANG
KCH'AK
SIR RAOUL?
DID YOU FORGET SOMETHI-...
JOLT
THOSE PAPERS I HANDED TO YOU TODAY...
I GOT THE KEY FROM SIR RAOUL WHEN I PASSED HIM IN THE HALLWAY.
MR. OKUMIYA?!
!
FLINCH
- THIS IS THE END...!
PANG
PANG
THIS PAIN...

I'M...
...THE GREEDY ONE...
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION...
...OF LETTING YOU GO SO EASILY, SHIGURE-KUN.
?!
MR. OKU -
...?
...!
M -
...GIVE UP?
...ANGRY THAT YOU ALWAYS GIVE UP SO EASILY, SHIGURE-KUN!
I KNEW...
...THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT I CAN NEVER HAVE... NO MATTER HOW HARD I WISHED FOR THEM...
PANG
!
YANK
JOLT!
?!

...NEEDED?
BY MR. OKUMIYA...?
I...
I LOVE YOU...
MR. OKUMIYA...
SNUFF
...MORE THAN... ANYONE ELSE...
MORE THAN MY BROTHER...
I'M...
THRUM...
THRUM
HUG
BOY YOU SURE ARE NAIVE SOMETIMES.
GRAB
OH!
I'LL SHOW YOU MANY THINGS...
I'LL SHOW YOU... WITH OUR BODIES...
MY FEELINGS...
YOUR FEELINGS...
UNH!
TWITCH
CHUCKLE
OH...!
TWITCH
WHAT...?
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY...?

"THAT BOY...SHIGURE -
HE CAN NEVER BECOME LIKE SAGIRI. SAGIRI IS SPECIAL."
THAT I WOULD NEVER BE AS NEEDED AS MY BROTHER...
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT...
UNH, AH!
OH... UH..!
TWITCH
FLINCH
STO ..NOT... THERE...
NO MORE... UNNH
UNH... UHH -
M...R. OKU... MIYA...!
TWITCH
TWITCH
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF
YIPE!
JERK!
THOSE WORDS...
DIDN'T I SAY SOMETHING SIMILAR TO YOU BEFORE?
"I'M VERY FOND OF YOU, SHIGURE-KUN."
YOU'RE SO SLOW TO CATCH ON...
...THAT'S WHAT ALWAYS MAKES ME WANT TO TEASE YOU AND MAKE YOU CRY.
BATHUMP
THIS MAN.. MR OKUMIYA...
OF ALL PEOPLE, I DON'T WANT HIM COMPARING ME TO MY BROTHER.
...LIKE A CHILD WHO TEASES THE PERSON THEY REALLY LIKE.

...SHIGURE-KUN.
SHUFF
SHUFF
YOU'RE ALREADY -
DO YOU GET IT? ... ...
...SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL TO ME.
Y... ES...
BA-THUMP
I'M SO HAPPY...
BA-THUMP
IT'S ALL I'VE EVER WANTED...
TO BE SPECIAL TO THE PERSON I LOVE -
...MR. OKUMIYA.

...SHIGURE-KUN.
HOW'S YOUR FOOT? IS IT OKAY...?
TWITCH
Y... ES?
?!
BECAUSE...
I'M GOING TO GET A LITTLE BRUSH FROM HERE...
TUG
GRUELCH
?! AHH!
RAM
TWITCH
OH -
OHH...!
FLINCH
RAM

ゆうじおじさんと サギリくん
UNCLE YUJI AND SAGIRI-KUN

I'LL... TRY HARDER...
WHAT?!
I...
BLUSH
PFFT!
OH, SO THAT'S HOW HE MEANT IT...
THOUGHT HE MEANT "IN BED" →
THEN -
MAYBE I'LL HAVE YOU TRY A LITTLE HARDER RIGHT HERE AND NOW. ♡
TH... THAT'S...!
OH? WHAT DID YOU THINK I MEANT?
UM, WELL!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT-!
HUH? OH! UM!

(NOW THAT IS INTERESTING!) *
(YES.)
(SO THE REST JUST DEPENDS ON HOW HE FEELS?)
DIRECTOR!
PLEASE HURRY AND HAVE A LOOK THROUGH THESE PAPERS!
AFTER THIS, WE MUST MEET IMMEDIATELY WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER IN AMERICA, MR. SHINOZAKI, TO DISCUSS FUTURE -
(THANKS FOR THE VALUABLE INFO, KEATH.)
(I STILL LOVE YOU AFTER ALL.)
LET'S FINISH UP QUICKLY!
OF COURSE!

*( ) IN ENGLISH

僕らの国

OUR KINGDOM

OH!
MR. SAGIRI!
WILHELM SAGIRI KUROSAKI
BODYGUARD. HE AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER SHIGURE ARE UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BASILS (REI'S FAMILY), AND BOTH ARE CURRENTLY IN JAPAN.
I JUST WENT TO HIS ROOM, BUT HE WASN'T THERE...
HAVE YOU SEEN REI?
GOOD TIMING!
...THERE.
OH! SLEEPING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT AGAIN -!
THAT REI!
HUH?

AFTER THAT, IT'S OFF TO JAPAN -
YUJI TAKATOU
DIRECTOR OF TAKATOU TRADING & MEGA-FINANCIAL GROUP. SECOND SON OF THE TAKATOUS. OLDER BROTHER IS DECEASED.
...WHERE I PLAN TO HIT ON MY FAVORITE LITTLE INGÉNUE. ♡
IF ALL GOES WELL...
I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME TIME OFF, TOO!
OH! ♡
IF YOU DO -
I'LL FINALLY GET TO HAVE SOME LONG-AWAITED FAMILY TIME WITH MY BELOVED HUBBY AND DAUGHTER IN JAPAN. ♡

UM...S... SO, MR. SAGIRI...
TH...
THANKS!
HOW DO YOU LIKE JAPAN?
ARE YOU HAVING FUN?
FUN...?
I AM SURE HE WILL NOT TAKE OFFENSE IF YOU ARE THE ONE TO DO IT.
PLEASE GO COVER HIM WITH THIS.
I... I SEE...
HALF AMERICAN, RAISED OVERSEAS
I THINK MR. SAGIRI IS PROBABLY A REALLY NICE PERSON, BUT...
あ
OH...
I AM HERE ON BUSINESS, SO...
...I FEEL THE SAME AS I ALWAYS HAVE.
I WOULD PREFER IF YOU DID NOT WAKE HIM.
SST
!
EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND, HE'S TAKING A NAP...
REI SURE SLEEPS A LOT!
OH... I SEE...
SO THAT'S WHY...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
THEN,
BUT SHOULD WE REALLY JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT...?
HMM
HE MIGHT CATCH COLD
YES.
IF I GET TOO CLOSE, HE NOTICES ME AND WALKS AWAY...
WAIT - HUH?!
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE BEEN STANDING HERE WATCHING OVER REI THE WHOLE TIME, MR. SAGIRI?

"IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE WORKING AS A BODYGUARD, SAGIRI...
"IF YOU EVER LET EMOTION CARRY YOU AWAY, YOU WILL CERTAINLY MAKE A MISTAKE... ONE YOU CAN NEVER UNDO."
I'M FINE THE WAY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN.
IT'S BEST NOT TO THINK TOO DEEPLY."
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!!
I AM RUSSELL SHIGURE KUROSAKI I WILL ONCE AGAIN BE RESIDING HERE AT THE TAKATOU MANSION WITH YOU ALL.
IT WAS THEN THAT I CHANGED.
...AND I HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE...
SORRY I WOKE YOU
THEN I'LL JUST GO COVER HIM.
CLATTER
MAYBE HE'S JUST AWKWARD WITH PEOPLE...
OH
HE'S CHANGED...
...SINCE COMING HERE TO JAPAN...
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I -
THE SAME GOES FOR MY YOUNGER BROTHER, SHIGURE...

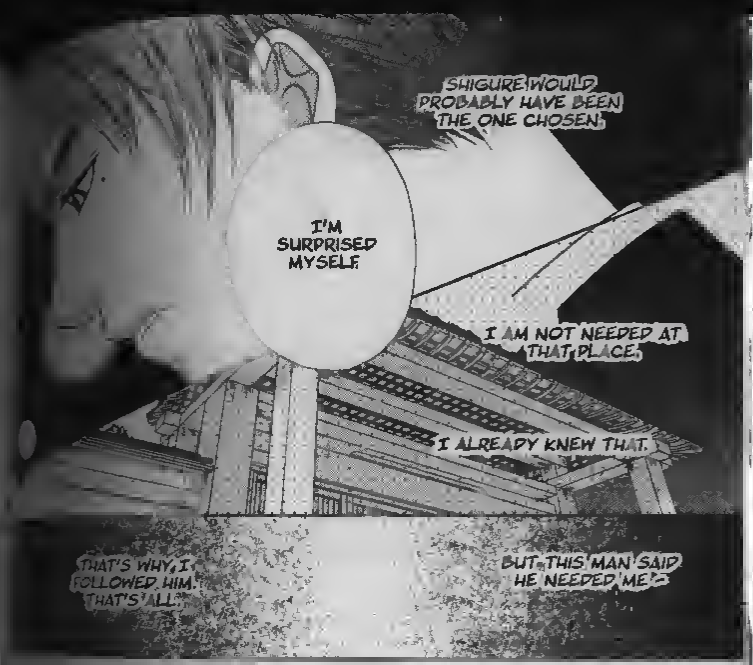
- I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE TOP!
THEY HAVE SAID THE FINAL DECISION IS UP TO SIR REI...!
IF YOU'RE TELLING ME TO...
...CHOOSE ONE OF YOU...
REI?!
ONE IS BOTHERSOME ENOUGH ALREADY...
TWO BUZZING FLIES IS JUST TOO MUCH!
YES.
REALLY?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME WITH ME, SHIGURE.
I'VE LOST INTEREST IN JAPAN.
SIR RAOUL SUDDENLY DECIDED TO RETURN TO AMERICA...
OH! BUT WHAT ABOUT RAOUL?
I'D JUST...
...LIKE SOME TIME TO MYSELF FOR AWHILE...
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING OF THIS FROM MY SUPERIORS...
BROTHER!
"YOU CAN GO CRAWLING BACK TO REI AGAIN."
...IS WHAT HE SAID..

...AND I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING THAT I NEED A PERSONAL BODYGUARD MYSELF.
FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, SAGIRI-KUN IS PROFICIENT IN SECRETARIAL DUTIES AS WELL...
...COURTESY OF YOUR SUPERIOR, DANIEL KEATH.
I'VE BEEN INFORMED OF YOUR SITUATION.
HE WOULD BE PERFECT - TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, AND ALL THAT.
SO HOW ABOUT IT, REI?
WON'T YOU LEND HIM OUT TO ME FOR JUST ONE DAY TODAY?
OF COURSE, IF YOU WANT THE TWINS THEM TO TAKE TURNS BABYSITTING YOU.
...I WON'T INSIST.
DO WHAT YOU WANT.

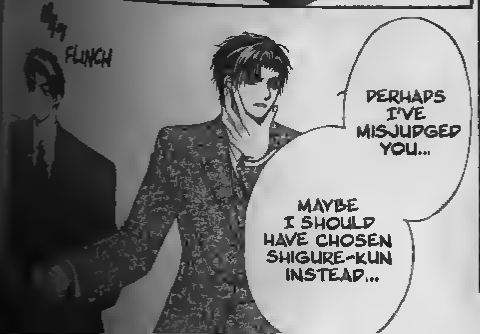
AS SOON AS I LANDED IN JAPAN...
...RAN SAVING HER. BROKEN IN A VER...
TWITCH
UNCLE YUJI!
WON'T YOU LET ME...
...BORROW SAGIRI-KUN?
I'VE WORKED HER TOO HARD UP UNTIL NOW.
MY, HOW SUSPICIOUS YOU ARE
I JUST THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO SOME
WHAT ARE YOU CONNIVING THIS TIME, SIR YUJI?
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT! THAT MS. SHEENA WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOUR SIDE FOR SUCH A REASON!

NO THANK YOU!
WANT TO HEAR MY OTHER REASONS
BLUNT
I'VE BECOME FOND OF YOU
...BUT MORE THAN THAT-
...I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU AGREED TO COME ALONG WITH ME SO EASILY.
"IF YOU'RE TELLING ME, TO CHOOSE ONE OF YOU..."
THAT'S ALL. ♡
DETAILED COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ARRIVING FROM THE SECRETARIAL DEPARTMENT AT THE HEAD OFFICE.
TO THIS CELL PHONE AND THIS LAPTOP -
WARNING! YOU MUST NEVER BABY THE DIRECTOR! YOU'LL REGRET IT! ♡
PATTING
VROOM
SHE'S AHEAD OF THE CURVE AS USUAL! ♡
OH? WHEN DID SHE GET THIS DESKTOP WALLPAPER?
...
...
WHY?
YOU, THE TOP BRASS OF A MAJOR CORPORATION -
IS IT WISE LETTING A STRANGER LIKE ME...
...ENTER THE INNER WORKINGS OF COMPANY EASILY?

SHIGURE-KUN WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO ME...WE'D NEVER GET ANY WORK DONE.
- JUST KIDDING.
TUG
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE MY SIDE FOR EVEN ONE MOMENT THIS ENTIRE DAY -
AM I BEING TESTED AGAIN?
YOU'D BETTER DO YOUR BEST IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR PROFESSIONAL CREDIBILITY.
GOOD ANSWER. ♡
GRIN
...THIS MAN IS CONNECTED WITH KEARU...
UNDERSTOOD.


SHIGURE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN THE ONE CHOSEN.
I'M SURPRISED MYSELF.
I AM NOT NEEDED AT THAT PLACE.
I ALREADY KNEW THAT.
THAT'S WHY, I FOLLOWED HIM. THAT'S ALL.
BUT, THIS MAN SAID HE NEEDED ME.

ARE YOU THE KIND OF MAN -


FLINCH
PERHAPS I'VE MISJUDGED YOU...
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN SHIGURE-KUN INSTEAD...

PLEASE TAKE ME BACK!
IT WAS A MISTAKE COMING HERE AFTER ALL.
HEY, HEY -
CLICK

?!
RESPONSE
KRAK
AN ELBOW TO THE CHIN!
AND A SHORT BRIEFING ON SAID ITINERARY, PLEASE!
NOW, THEN -
CONFIRMATION OF TODAY'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE -
- SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS EVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS...
...I'VE BEEN TAKEN ABACK AND SLOW TO THINK OF AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO RESPOND
NO REACTION AS ALWAYS, HUH?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.
KISS
I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE WHEN ANGRY.♡
THAT'S ALL.
BUT WHEN I THINK THAT YOU LET ANYONE KISS YOU SO EASILY, IT MAKES ME QUITE SAD.
SIGH
TAKATOU TRADING I'VE HEARD THAT THEIR BUSINESS HAS BEEN STEADILY IMPROVING EVER SINCE THE CHANGE IN DIRECTORS.
I WAS JUST ATTACKED BY MY NEW DOG, THAT'S ALL♡
DIRECTOR! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
TAKATO

CONFERENCE ROOM 1
AND SO...
...THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT-
REALLY?
I KNOW.
WE MUST HEAD DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD MEETING-
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO REPORT TO ME?
SPECIFICALLY, YOU - THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR?
?!
WITH A FIRM OF OUR SCALE...
EVERY LITTLE RUMOR IS DISSEMINATED INTO THE GRAPEVINE.
ANY INCIDENT THAT MIGHT AFFECT OUR COMPANY'S IMAGE, NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL, IS TO BE REPORTED TO ME.
TH... THAT'S...!
I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF DANGEROUSLY SUSPECT E-MAILS REPEATEDLY BEING SENT TO OUR HOMEPAGE ADDRESS.
I WAS TOLD THAT WAS DISCOVERED IMMEDIATELY AND TAKEN CARE OF!
WHAT? BUT THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE IS STILL ABOVE...
DING
ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS JOKE OF A MAN...
HAS SUCH ABILITY?
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT KITCHEN AREA
THAT WAS A PLEASANT LITTLE BREAK.
SAGIRI-KUN.
...
...

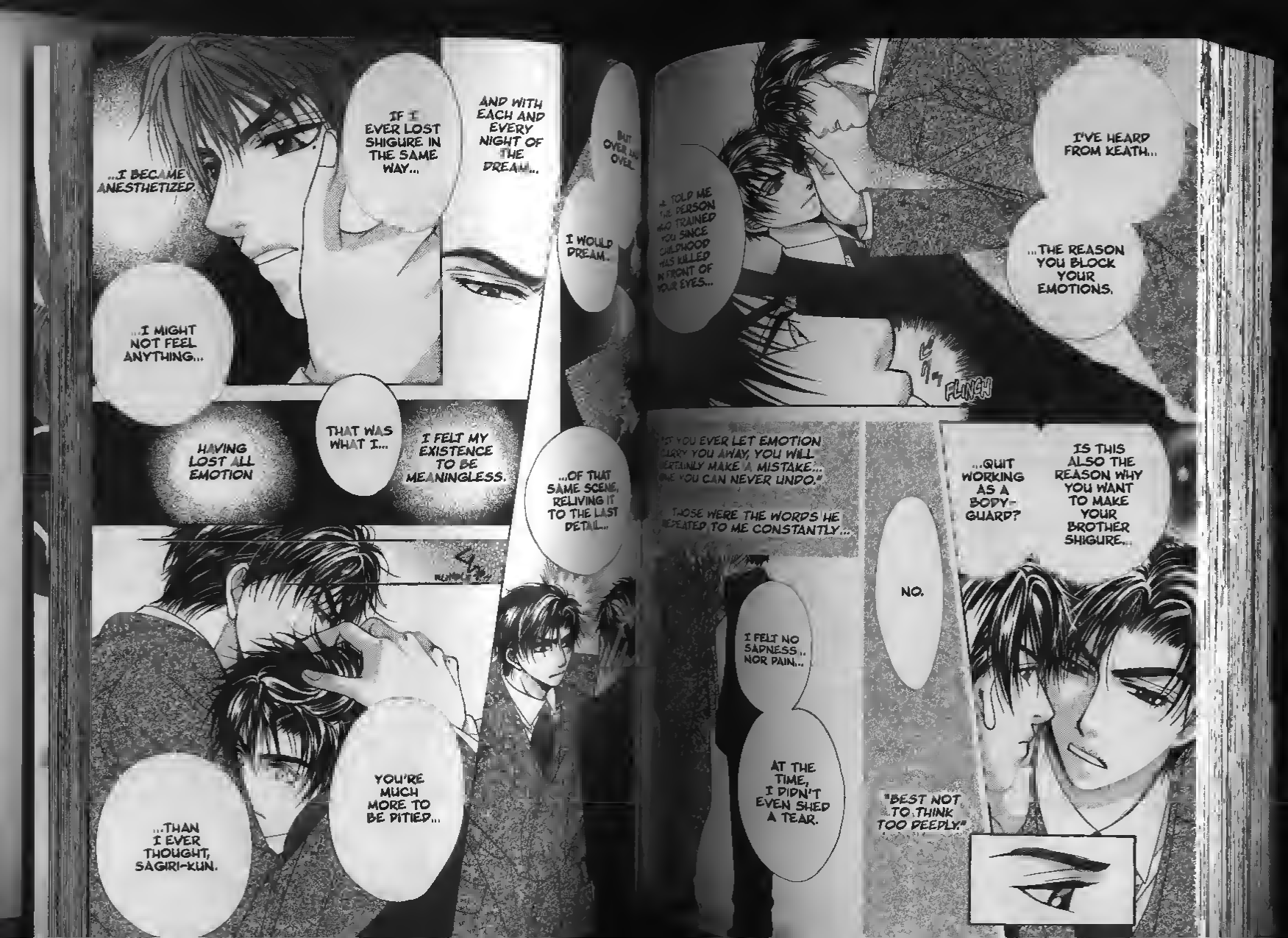
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP YOU HERE.
IT SHOULD TAKE LESS TIME WITH TWO OF US, RIGHT?
LIFT
THEN...
KIND, AREN'T YOU... SAGIRI-KUN.
NORMALLY -
I DON'T SEE THAT DESIRE IN YOU AT ALL.
ONE HARBORS THE DESIRE TO PLEASE THE OTHER PERSON, BUT -
IN YOUR CASE, IT'S AN UNCONSCIOUS REACTION.
HA HA HA
THAT WAS NOT MY INTENTION AT ALL, BUT...?
LIES AND DECEPTION -
...WILL NOT BE TOLERATED WHILE I AM DIRECTOR.
ALL OF YOU ARE TO TAKE THIS INCIDENT TO HEART AND RENEW YOUR VIGILANCE. THAT IS ALL.
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
SEEING THIS MOUNTAIN OF PAPERWORK -
AS ALWAYS...
I'LL GRAB MY OWN MEAL WHEN I HAVE SOME TIME.
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME YUJI WHEN WE'RE ALONE.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MEAL, DIRECTOR?
SAGIRI-KUN, YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO GRAB A BITE TO EAT DOWNSTAIRS WHILE I LOOK THROUGH THESE PAPERS.
AFTER THIS, WE WON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANY BREAKS FOR A WHILE.

RRRING
YES?
OH, RIGHT. PUT HIM THROUGH
- I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WHY WOULD THIS MAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
"YOU ARE SO ALONE."
WE'RE FLYING TO CHINA IMMEDIATELY.
BUYOUT NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE GOING SMOOTHLY SEEM TO HAVE HIT A SNAG.
?! BUT WHY?
SAGIRI-KUN, EVERYTHING WE HAD SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON IS TO BE CANCELLER
CLICK
WHAT IF I FELT NOTHING...?
IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T WANT HIM TO CONTINUE THIS LINE OF WORK -
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR VERY KINDNESS.
THE REASON YOU'RE SO HARSH TOWARDS YOUR BROTHER SHIGURE...
...IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIS BEST INTEREST AT HEART, RIGHT?
THAT YOU ARE SO ALONE.
DO...
...YOU THINK SO...?
WHAT IF, AT THAT TIME -
LOST, SHIGURE...
IF I EVER -

HA HA HA... I SUPPOSE, I COULDN'T BE DIRECTOR UNLESS I WAS..
YOU'RE MORE RELIED UPON BY YOUR SUBORDINATES THAN I THOUGHT.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WEIGHT MY TAKATOU NAME HAS.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE SAME AS TRUSTING THEM. THEY CAN TURN ON YOU AND STAB YOU IN THE BACK.
I RELY ON MY STAFF.
WHAT I DESIRE MOST OF ALL -
...IS A PARTNER WHOM I CAN TRUST, WHO WILL ALWAYS BE BESIDE ME, CARRYING OUT HIS WORK WITH IMPECCABLE SKILL.
OKAY!
THE REST SHOULD BE FINE LEFT IN THEIR HANDS.
...ONLY BE FOR DAY
THAT'S RIGHT... THERE'S NO NEED TO BE OVERLY INQUISITIVE ABOUT THIS MAN.
- NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
"WON'T YOU LEND HIM OUT TO ME FOR JUST ONE DAY TODAY?"
...THAT YOUR STAY WITH ME WILL BE PROLONGED FOR A BIT.
HOWEVER, THIS MEANS...
DO YOU MIND?
I CAN STAY THE SAME AS I'VE ALWAYS BEEN.
DIRECTOR, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU

WHAT ABOUT MS. SHEENA, YOUR MANAGING SECRETARY?
IT SEEMS SHEENA VALUES TIME WITH HER FAMILY MORE THAN THIS FIRM...
RIGHT NOW, YOU COULD SAY SHE'S ONLY STAYING FOR MY SAKE.
YOU WOULD NEVER LET EMOTION OVERTAKE YOU...
IF I WERE TO SUCCEED IN TALKING YOU INTO HER JOB, SHE WOULD PROBABLY QUIT IMMEDIATELY, WITH RELIEF.
...
...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S BECAUSE -
...I AM AN EMOTION-LESS MAN...
...LIKE SOME SORT OF DOLL?
A DOLL -
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! CAN YOU GET OUT THOSE PAPERS WE BROUGHT WITH US WHEN WE HEADED OUT? I'VE GOT TO FINISH LOOKING THROUGH THOSE BY TODAY...
HUH? YEAH, BUT...
WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO REST AWHILE, AT LEAST DURING THIS FLIGHT?
LOOK - BACK ON TODAY'S SCHEDULE, YOU HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TIME TO REST
I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
THUD
THEN PERHAPS I'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE. ♡

YOU DID VERY WELL, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME.
THIS CONCLUDES YOUR BUSINESS WITH ME FOR TODAY.
IF IT'S ORDERS FROM ABOVE, I WON'T CONTRADICT THEM.
IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF MY SERVICES, WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAVE MY SUPERIORS HAND DOWN ORDERS TO THAT EFFECT?
HAVING BEEN WITH YOU TODAY, I'M LIKING YOU EVEN MORE...
BUT.
...I THOUGHT ABOUT BINDING YOU TO ME THAT WAY, BUT...
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN SEEING YOU ACT LIKE A MERE EMPTY DOLL.
...THEN THAT WOULDN'T BE OF YOUR OWN WILL.
WHETHER OR NOT YOU STAY TO WORK WITH ME IS UP TO YOU.
...
...
BUT...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND...
I CAN'T SAY -
I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HIM, EITHER.
THRUM...
ON THE CONTRARY...
...MFORTS ME
BEING NEAR THIS MAN WHO SAYS HE NEEDS ME...
WELL - GOOD WORK TODAY!


...I BECAME ANESTHETIZED.
IF I EVER LOST SHIGURE IN THE SAME WAY...
AND WITH EACH AND EVERY NIGHT OF THE DREAM...
BUT OVER AND OVER.
I WOULD DREAM.
...I MIGHT NOT FEEL ANYTHING...
HAVING LOST ALL EMOTION
THAT WAS WHAT I...
I FELT MY EXISTENCE TO BE MEANINGLESS.
...OF THAT SAME SCENE, REVIVING IT TO THE LAST DETAIL...
...THAN I EVER THOUGHT, SAGIRI-KUN.
YOU'RE MUCH MORE TO BE PITIED...
HE TOLD ME THE PERSON WHO TRAINED YOU SINCE CHILDHOOD HAS KILLED IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES...
I'VE HEARD FROM KEATH...
...THE REASON YOU BLOCK YOUR EMOTIONS.
FLINCH!
"IF YOU EVER LET EMOTION CARRY YOU AWAY, YOU WILL CERTAINLY MAKE A MISTAKE... ONE YOU CAN NEVER UNDO."
THOSE WERE THE WORDS HE REPEATED TO ME CONSTANTLY...
I FELT NO SADNESS... NOR PAIN...
AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T EVEN SHED A TEAR.
NO.
"BEST NOT TO THINK TOO DEEPLY."
...QUIT WORKING AS A BODY-GUARD?
IS THIS ALSO THE REASON WHY YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR BROTHER SHIGURE...

PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE...
...I'M ALONE... THE SAME AS YOU
"I RELY ON MY STAFF."
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS -
"THEY CAN STAB YOU IN THE BACK"
I...
...CAN'T STAND THE LONELINESS...
...WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME...?
DECIDE, HERE AND NOW !
WHETHER THIS IS HOW YOU WISH TO REMAIN...
- IS IT OKAY TO REMAIN AS I AM?
OR WILL YOU STAY WITH ME - THE MAN WHO NEEDS YOU...
...YUJI."
"I'M SORRY...
I LOVED MY BROTHER... SO HIS LEAVING WAS PAINFUL AND REGRETFUL TO ME.
JUST LIKE YOU SIBLINGS, I ALSO HAD AN OLDER BROTHER BORN OF A DIFFERENT MOTHER.
...PITIED?
...BUT IT SEEMS YOU, SAGIRI-KUN, ARE NOT AS STRONG AS MY BROTHER WAS.
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I SAW MYSELF AND MY BROTHER IN YOU AND SHIGURE...
IF YOU STAY THIS WAY, YOU REALLY WILL FEEL NOTHING - EVER.
REALLY BECOME DOLL...
YOU AREN'T EVEN AWARE THAT YOU'RE REPRESSING YOUR OWN EMOTIONS.
YANK

"YES"...
OR "NO"...?
...I'M AT A LOSS.
...IN YOUR CASE, SAGIRI-KUN...
...IT'S ALL THE MORE FRIGHTENING ...BECAUSE...
THIS WARMTH...
THRUM...
BUT IF YOU'RE BY MY SIDE...
TWITCH
LOOK AT THE KINDNESS YOU STILL HAVE IN YOU.
...SO WON'T YOU TRY THIS LITTLE TEST?
...BEFORE YOUR EMOTIONS ARE KILLED OFF COMPLETELY.
SEE WHETHER I CAN WIN YOUR HEART...
...."YES."

PERHAPS I AM HOPING...
MY BODY BURNS HOTTER...
WITH EVERY TOUCH...
...TO CHANGE ...TOGETHER WITH HIM...
TO CHANGE INTO SOMEONE DIFFERENT..
KISS
KNK
GREAK
IT'S SURPRISING, EVEN TO ME...
HOW I ENTRUST MYSELF TO THIS MAN...
HUFF

...YES.
CAN I TAKE THAT TO MEAN...
THAT'S RIGHT.
...YOU'VE ACCEPTED MY OFFER?
!
HE GOT ME -
IT'S ALL SUBCONSCIOUS ON YOUR PART, ISN'T IT - SAGIRI-KUN...
RUMPLE
...AH... OH YES
HAVE YOU WOKEN?
WHAT IS THE MATTER?
...
...
...THE PERSON I'VE SLEPT WITH... THIS IS A FIRST...
IT'S ANNOYING SOMEHOW
UH... NO... IT'S JUST THAT... BEING WOKEN UP BY...
...I WOULD NEVER GET ANY WORK DONE.
IF I STAYED IN BED ALL DAY WITH YOU, DIRECTOR...
...AND LEAVE THE SELF WITH SLOWLY PETRIFYING EMOTIONS BEHIND...
...MM?

ADULT SITUATIONS 1

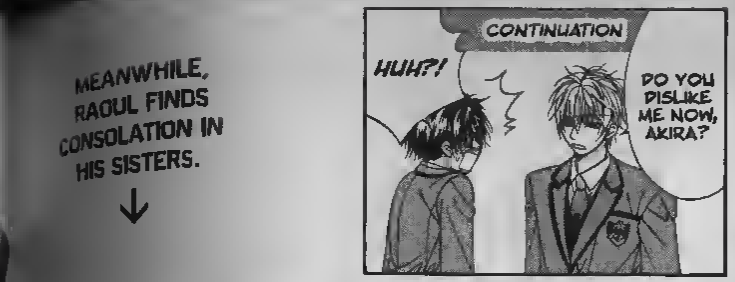
OKUMIYA-SAN AND SHIGURE-KUN

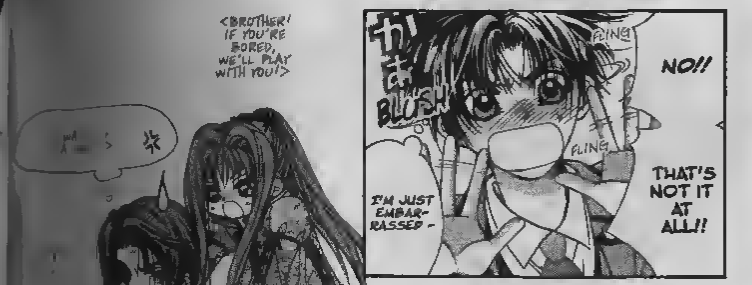
MR. OKUMIYA IS IN HIGH SPIRITS. ♡
NOW THAT SHIGURE-KUN HAS RETURNED TO THE TAKATOU HOUSEHOLD...
NEVER MIND YOUR BROTHER
SHOULDN'T YOU BE WORRYING ABOUT YOURSELF?
WHOA!
HUH?! WHAT?!
...OR SO HE THOUGHT...
SHIGURE-KUN, ABOUT AFTER-HOURS...
...TO SIR YUJI'S PLACE...?!
...HAS GONE -
...MY BROTHER...
MY BROTHER IS SO MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN I AM! THERE'S NO WAY THAT SIR YUJI WOULD LEAVE HIM ALONE...
AAAH! I'M SO WORRIED!!!
I CAN'T SLEEP!
STILL FILLED WITH THOUGHTS OF BIG BROTHER
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
WHAT A HIGH-SCHOOL HAKABURA...
STILL HAS A BIG BROTHER COMPLEX
MAYBE I'M THE ONE WHO'S FALLEN...
AND WHEN WE'RE ALONE...
...CALL ME YUJI.
AND IN HER NOTES, SHE WRITES EXPLICITLY - "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU BABY THE DIRECTOR!"
I'VE RECEIVED THE NEW SCHEDULE FROM YOUR HEAD SECRETARY, MS. SHEENA!
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT
I FEEL HEARTENED. ♡
BUT I CAN'T RELENT ON THE NAME THING.
THE TAKATOU MANOR
WHAT?! MY BROTHER IS GOING TO WORK FOR SIR YUJI?!
BROTHER COMPLEX
UNCLE YUJI AND SAGIRI-KUN / END

CHILDREN'S SITUATION
REI AND AKIRA
THE MORNING AFTER...
GOOD MORNING, AKIRA.
REMEMBER - DON'T RUN AWAY!
I'VE GOT TO ACT NORMAL, EVEN WHEN I BUMP INTO HER
FLARE
"S"?
BLUSH -
S...
...SO CUTE. ♡
WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE TOGETHER IN THE CAR!
I JUST CAN'T FACE YOU YET!!
DASH!
SORRY REI!

ADULT SITUATIONS 2
UNCLE YUJI AND SAGIRI-KUN
YOUR GUARD IS TOO TIGHT -
SAGIRI-KUN
I AM A BODY-GUARD
THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
JUST RECENTLY, WHEN HE TRIED TO PUSH HIM TO THE FLOOR...
I'M BETTER WITH THIS THAN WITH A GUN, ACTUALLY.
I'M NOT VERY FOND OF KNIVES - THEY'RE SO DANGEROUS.
TAP TAP TAP TAP
BUT I GUESS THERE'S ALSO A KIND OF PLEASURE IN TRYING TO BREAK DOWN THAT TOUGH BARRIER OF YOURS. ♡
HE HE HE
EACH AT HIS OWN PACE...
PLEASE HURRY AND LOOK THROUGH THESE PAPERS OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE MEETING
SEXUAL HARASSER
YOUR MOLE IS SO SEXY, SAGIRI-KUN ♥

MEANWHILE, RAOUL FINDS CONSOLATION IN HIS SISTERS.

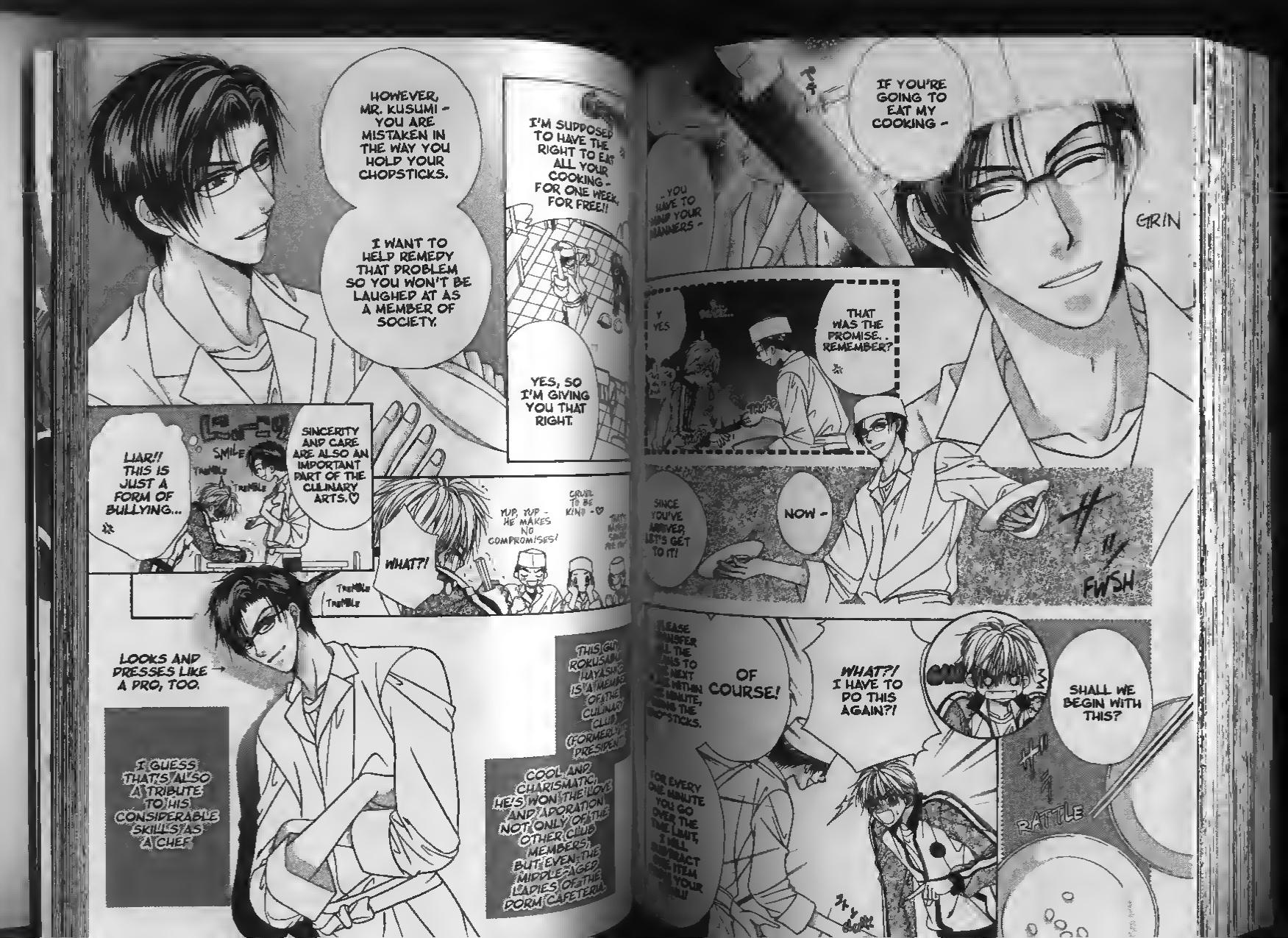




WHAT DO YOU MEAN "LET'S"?!
YOU'VE BECOME EVEN PUSHIER THAN BEFORE, REI!!
YOU'LL GET OVER THE EMBARRASSMENT IF YOU GET USED TO "IT" ?
SO... LET'S - OK, AKIRA? ♡

REI SEEMS MORE CAREFREE THAN USUAL.

SNFF
THIS WILL BE MY FIRST WINTER VACATION SPENT IN THE DORMS SINCE I TRANSFERRED AS A TEACHER HERE TO THIS SCHOOL.
CAFETERIA
SIP
AND AT LUNCHTIME -
THERE'S ENJOYMENT TO BE HAD.
SNIFF
YO! IS LUNCH READY?! LUNCH!!
IT SMELLS GREAT AS USUAL -♡
GORAK
WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO EAT THE FOOD BEFORE IT'S BEEN SERVED?
YOU BET! I DASHED OVER HERE ALL THE WAY FROM THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. ♡
YOU'RE EARLY TODAY.
OH! MR KUSUMI- WELCOME!
PALE
SPARKLE
OH-
DROP
SLAP
WHA-!
M.R. K.U.S.U.M.I -
H-HAYASH-


HOWEVER, MR. KUSUMI - YOU ARE MISTAKEN IN THE WAY YOU HOLD YOUR CHOPSTICKS.
I WANT TO HELP REMEDY THAT PROBLEM SO YOU WON'T BE LAUGHED AT AS A MEMBER OF SOCIETY.
I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO EAT ALL YOUR COOKING - FOR ONE WEEK, FOR FREE!!
YES, SO I'M GIVING YOU THAT RIGHT.
LIAR!! THIS IS JUST A FORM OF BULLYING...
SINCERITY AND CARE ARE ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CULINARY ARTS.♡
SMILE
TREMBLE
WHAT?!
YUP, YUP - HE MAKES NO COMPROMISES!
CRUEL TO BE KIND -♡
LOOKS AND DRESSES LIKE A PRO, TOO.
I GUESS THAT'S ALSO A TRIBUTE TO HIS CONSIDERABLE SKILLS AS A CHEF.
THIS GUY, ROKUSUKI HAYASHI, IS A MEMBER OF THE CULINARY CLUB (FORMER PRESIDENT)
COOL AND CHARISMATIC, HE'S WON THE LOVE AND ADORATION NOT ONLY OF THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS, BUT EVEN THE MIDDLE-AGED LADIES OF THE DORM CAFETERIA.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO EAT MY COOKING -
..YOU HAVE TO MIND YOUR MANNERS -
GRIN
YES
THAT WAS THE PROMISE.. REMEMBER?
SINCE YOU'VE ARRIVED, LET'S GET TO IT!
NOW -
FWSH
PLEASE TRANSFER IT THE TABLE TO MY NEXT ... WITHIN ONE MINUTE, USING THE CHOPSTICKS.
OF COURSE!
FOR EVERY ONE MINUTE YOU GO OVER THE TIME LIMIT, I WILL SUBTRACT ONE ITEM FROM YOUR MENU!
WHAT?! I HAVE TO DO THIS AGAIN?!
SHALL WE BEGIN WITH THIS?
RATTLE

ONLY LUNCHES, BUT...
CAN TEACHERS ENTER THE CONTEST, TOO?!
ASSISTANT DORM SUPERVISOR
UMM - I THINK SO.
THAT'S RIGHT. WHOEVER WINS THE COSTUME CONTEST AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY...
...GETS TO EAT THE CULINARY CLUB'S (FORMER) PRESIDENT HAYASHI-KUN'S COOKING FOR A WEEK!
...WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ME THREE DAYS AGO, AT THE DORM RESIDENTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY!
BUT MY RIGHT TO EAT HAYASHI'S COOKING FOR ONE WEEK, FREE! -
I'M ENTERING! I'M ENTERING FOR SURE!!
YOU'RE ALWAYS CRYING BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO CUT BACK ON YOUR MEAL BUDGET... SO WOULDN'T THIS BE PERFECT FOR YOU, MR. KUSUMI?
ONE WEEK AGO
WHAT -?!
BUT WHAT ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR MONEY ON THAT YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE YOUR MEALS FOR?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE GAMBLING TYPE
THANKS, CAFETERIA LADY!♡
YOU ONLY EAT INSTANT NOODLES IF LEFT TO YOURSELF
ALWAYS GIFTING HANDOUTS
GO ON, EAT?
SOB
GULP
THIS CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED DURING WINTER VACATION, SO I'VE BEEN WORRIED WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.
FREE MEALS - FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK?!
N...NO, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT! I'M SAVING! I'M SAVING UP!!
IF YOU SAY YOU'RE GIVING IT ALL TO A WOMAN, IT'LL MAKE ME CRY.
CAFETERIA

PI-PI PI-PI
THAT'S IT - TIME'S UP!
BUT IN PERSONALITY -
DOOM
ACK!
KA-KLAK
HE'S LIKE A DEMON!
ARRRGH!!
BY THE WAY, THE MENU TODAY CONSISTS OF CHICKEN AND DAIKON RADISH, SALT-BAKED HORSE MACKEREL, VEGETABLE-EGG SOUP, RICE MIXED WITH SHORT-NECKED CLAMS STEWED IN SUGAR AND SOY SAUCE, AND MISO SOUP WITH CLAMS!
AND IN THIS WAY -
DOESN'T LET HIM EAT OF HIS OWN COOKING EASILY
SOB
GRRRR
ISN'T IT PERFECT FOR A P.E. TEACHER SUCH AS YOURSELF?
THEY SAY THE USE OF CHOPSTICKS FACILITATES BRAIN ACTIVITY.
A MAN CAN EAT WITHOUT CHOPSTICKS, YOU KNOW -!
HAYASHI SEMPAI, THE PREPARATIONS ARE DONE -
OH, THANK YOU.
AND I'M EVEN HUNGRIER BECAUSE I RAN ALL THE WAY HERE...
WHAT?! YOU JUST INSULTED ALL P.E. TEACHERS, DIDN'T YOU?!
SEE? YOU HOLD THEM LIKE THIS
GIRRR!
BAM
WHAT ARE YOU, A CHILD?

AFTER ALL, I CAN'T HAVE YOU GO COMPLETELY HUNGRY.
YAY! IT'S THE CHAWAN-MUSHI I ALWAYS GET! ♡
THIS IS A BONUS DISH
WHISK
LET IT GLOW
AH, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE ANY FUN TO LET YOU EAT SO EASILY.
THEN JUST LET ME EAT FROM THE START!!
SO YOU ARE HAVING FUN?
HERE YOU ARE -
MR. KUSUMI.
TCHK
HAYASHI'S SURE GOT A WARPED PERSONALITY...
UMF
HA HA
MMM... SO GOOD - ♡
THE DAY BEFORE THE CHRIST-MAS PARTY...
COSTUME CONTESTS ARE HARD TO JUDGE, SO
IN CHARGE OF THIRD YEAR STUDENTS ROOMS
AT ANY RATE, LUCKY ME-♡
WHAT'S "MYSTERY JUICE"?
UHUH SUPER GRUSS
BECAUSE OF IT, I WAS ABLE TO WIN...
OHHH-!
...BUT IT'S TAKING FOREVER TO REACH MY INTENDED GOAL AMOUNT...
AND THEN -
BUT...
CRUNCH
CRAM
PLAIN AND SIMPLE
THIS IS TORTURE...
GRR-OWL

...TO MAKE LUNCH FOR YOU FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK, MR. KUSUMI
IT'S MY DUTY AS THE PRIZE-
YES,
YOU'RE STAYING HERE UNTIL THE NEW YEAR, TOO, HAYASHI?!
YEAH.
HUH..?
"EITHER"...?
BUT IF YOU ORDER US TO STAY, WE'LL STAY, HAYASHI SEMPAI!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY.
EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING HOME TOMORROW.
...PLEASE REST ASSURER
I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR CARE, SO...
WHAT?
YOU SURE ARE LUCKY, HAYASHI-...
BUT I JUST THINK YOU'RE SO CUTE -♡
I AM A TEACHER, YOU KNOW
HAYASHI - I ALWAYS SAY THIS, BUT...COULD YOU NOT DO THAT?
OH - COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE NOT GOING HOME FOR WINTER VACATION UNTIL THE NEW YEAR EITHER, ARE YOU? MR. KUSUMI.
YOU... YOU MEMBERS OF THE HAYASHI CULT!
YES, MR. KUSUMI IS VERY CUTE.
AM I BEING MADE A FOOL OF?
YOU ALL THINK SO, TOO - DON'T YOU?
DON'T CALL SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU "CUTE"!!
GRRR!

IF I MARRIED SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
YOU CAN COOK... YOU'RE DEPENDABLE...
HMM
...I BET I'D BE SET FOR LIFE...
TEACHER...
HUH?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE SUBTLY HITTING ON ME?
THAT'S RIGHT - I FORGOT ABOUT HIS BLACK-HEARTED PERSONALITY!
AND BLUSH
TH... THAT WAS JUST...
Y...YOU DUMMY! OF COURSE NOT!!
AND DON'T YOU GUYS STARE AT ME LIKE THAT, EITHER!!
MR. KUSUMI - YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL. PLEASE REPORT TO THE CARETAKER'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.
DING DONG
HUH?
OH! RIGHT...
YOU'RE BEING PAGED, MR. KUSUMI.
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
EMPTY
WELL, SEE YA, HAYASHI, EVERYONE!! THANKS.♡
IT WOULD'VE BEEN A WASTE NOT TO EAT IT WHILE IT'S FRESH.♡
STOMP STOMP STOMP
DO YOU THINK THAT PHONE CALL FOR MR. KUSUMI IS FROM A WOMAN?
TO BE HONEST, I WISH WE COULD LET HIM EAT EVERYTHING...
MR. KUSUMI ALWAYS EATS WITH SUCH DELIGHT THAT IT MAKES COOKING FOR HIM WORTHWHILE.♡
...IT'S MR. KUSUMI'S GIRL-FRIEND.♡
OHH- THEN MAYBE
I HEARD FROM THE CARETAKER LADY THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE THE VOICE OF A CUTE WOMAN
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE FREQUENTLY GETS CALLS DOESN'T HE HAVE A CELL PHONE?
FLING!

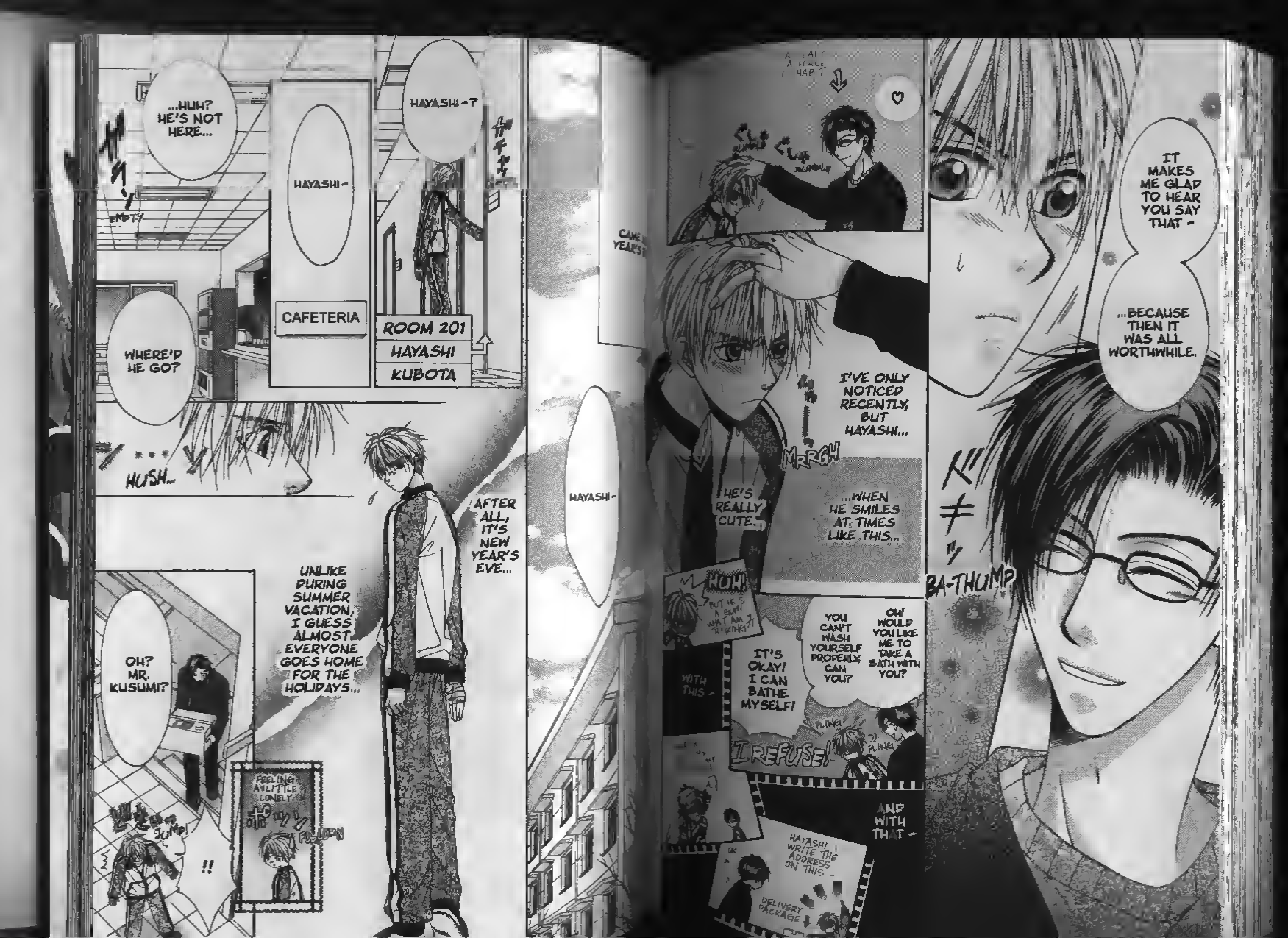
TAKUYA BE CAREFUL GOING HOME
KCHAK
YOU'LL GET NO LUCK AT IF YOU DON'T GET BACK TO YOUR CLUB, TOO, KATSU
BONG! BONG
WHAT
AS COACH, I CAN'T BE LATE ON THIS LAST CLASS OF THE YEAR!
OH NO! THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB'S AFTERNOON PRACTICE STARTING!
RUN- RUN- RUN!
NOT GOOD!
PANIC!
WHAT?
WHAP
LURCH
!!
BUCK!
NOW ALL OF YOU STOP GOSSIPING AND BEGIN YOUR TASTING, PLEASE.
SMILE
YES!!
CRUMBLE
OH!
OH DEAR - MY HAND MUST HAVE SLIPPED.
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT HE'S ANGRY..!!
IS HE ANGRY...?
SHIVER
I DON'T THINK YOU COULD DESCRIBE THAT AS HIS HAND "SLIPPING"...
SHIVER
SHIVER
DOES A CUP LIKE THAT BREAK SO EASILY...?
STARE
CLICK
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!
BLUSH
CARETAKER'S OFFICE
I KNOW - DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, EMI.
OKAY... I'LL TALK TO YOU AGAIN LATER.
YEAH -
YEAH -

むすっ
GRUMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ANYWAY...?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AN ATHLETICS COACH - WHY DO YOU HAVE SUCH BAD REFLEXES?
SIGH
FALLING AND SPRAINING YOUR WRIST...
OH! I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN!
A LITTLE SPRAIN LIKE THIS IS NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL.♡
OH! KIDDING! I WAS JUST KIDDING!! PLEASE STAY.♡
PLEASE!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THAT, I'LL JUST TAKE THIS FOOD I MADE AND LEAVE.
HEAD SUPERVISOR OF THE DORMS (THE ENGLISH TEACHER)
EVEN THOUGH IT'S YOUR MAIN HAND?
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT WITHOUT IT.
OUCH, OUCH?
OWWW~
I'M LEAVING TOMORROW, TOO - WHO'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU?!
IT'S EXACTLY LIKE HAYLEN SAYS
...GETTING HURT A SUCH A CLUMSY MANNER
FLING
WATCH OUT!!
?!
GRAB
はい?!
WHAT?!
OH NO- I DID IT ON REFLEX
OHHHH~!
COACH!
KRAK
THUD
- I SWEAR...

BA-THUMP
...AND IT WOULD WORRY ME -
...TO LEAVE YOU ON YOUR OWN.
I'M LOOKING AFTER YOU BECAUSE I WANT TO.
PLEASE DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF
RUMPLE
DON'T TREAT SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU LIKE A KID!
WHAP
...OR KIND...
SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL IF HAYASHI IS MEAN...
THUMP
AND SO -
THAT'S HOW HAYASHI BEGAN TO TAKE CARE OF ME, BUT...
HEY!

?!
I'LL LOOK AFTER MR. KUSUMI.
I'LL BE STAYING IN THE DORMS UNTIL THE NEW YEAR ANYWAY.
HUH? BUT DIDN'T YOU ALWAYS USED TO GO BACK TO YOUR UNCLE'S RESTAURANT TO HELP OUT AT THE END OF THE YEAR, HAYASHI?
I DON'T HAVE TO THIS YEAR
PUFF
OH - WELL...
IF YOU SAY SO... I GUESS HE'LL BE OKAY.
I PROMISED I'D MAKE HIM LUNCH FOR A WEEK.
WELL, I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, THEN.
THANK
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, YOU KNOW.
IF YOU'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO, YOU CAN GO HOME.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL OBLIGATED TO LOOK AFTER ME...
WHAT ARE YOU ABOUT?

...
ANZU-
-ITSU
OH... SORRY - IT'S JUST SEEING YOU LIKE THAT...
PEEP PEEP
BABY CHICK ♡
DON'T PLAY WITH FOOD!
GRR!
QUIT KIDDING AROUND!
HERE YOU GO -
CHOMP
HERE YOU GO -
MMM - IT'S GOOD!!
YOUR COOKING IS ALWAYS DELICIOUS, HAYASHI. ♡
SIMPLE →
MUNCH MUNCH
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
I CAN AT LEAST EAT ON MY OWN!!
BLUSH
SO SAY AHH - ♡
YOU'VE INJURED YOUR MAIN HAND...
...AND YOU CAN'T HOLD A PAIR OF CHOPSTICKS, RIGHT?
OF COURSE
...FOR FREE?
...MAYBE I'LL RECONSIDER...
BUT WHEN I THINK OF THE MESS YOU'LL MAKE TRYING TO EAT IT YOURSELF WITH YOUR LEFT HAND...
CHOMP
FLINCH
HA!
...
AND JUST WHEN I WAS THINKING OF MAKING ALL THREE MEALS A DAY TO FEED YOU WITH -
OH?
SIGH
THREE MEALS?
TWITCH


...HUH? HE'S NOT HERE...
HAYASHI-
HAYASHI-?
EMPTY
CAFETERIA
ROOM 201
HAYASHI
KUBOTA
WHERE'D HE GO?
HUSH...
AFTER ALL, IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE...
UNLIKE DURING SUMMER VACATION, I GUESS ALMOST EVERYONE GOES HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...
OH? MR. KUSUMI?
FEELING A LITTLE LONELY?
JUMP!
!!
PULLUP
CAME TO SEE YEAR'S?
HAYASHI-
A CAT A FACE HAP?
CHU CHU RUMBLE
I'VE ONLY NOTICED RECENTLY, BUT HAYASHI...
MARCH
...WHEN HE SMILES AT TIMES LIKE THIS...
HE'S REALLY CUTE...
HUH!
BUT HE'S A GUY! WHAT AM I THINKING?!
WITH THIS -
IT'S OKAY! I CAN BATHE MYSELF!
YOU CAN'T WASH YOURSELF PROPERLY, CAN YOU?
OH? WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TAKE A BATH WITH YOU?
I REFUSE!
FLING!
FLING!
AND WITH THAT -
OR
HAYASHI, WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS -
DELIVERY PACKAGE
IT MAKES ME GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT -
...BECAUSE THEN IT WAS ALL WORTHWHILE.
KU ≠ N
BA-THUMP

I'M NOT FREELOADING! OUGIBASHI SAID HE FELT BAD FOR INJURING ME SO HE WOULD SEND ME SOMETHING - AND I ASKED FOR INSTANT NOODLES!!
...
...
OUGIBASHI
I'M SORRY
YAAAY!
WITH THAT NOW I CAN SURVIVE FOR ANOTHER WEEK -
WHAT IS IT YOU'RE SAVING FOR THAT'S SO IMPORTANT YOU HAVE TO SKIMP ON YOUR MEALS?
I'VE BEEN WONDERING...
WHAT ARE YOU FREELOADING OFF OF A STUDENT FOR...?
...FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY...
I...I'M SAVING UP...
W - WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHAT I'M SAVING FOR?!
I SEE...
NEW YEAR'S SODA NOODLES... I GUESS YOU DON'T WANT ANY THEN.
あわわ
BLUSH
YES!
WHAT'S MATTER? DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN TO MAKE YOU SO HAPPY?
HUH?
HAYASHI!
OH!
WAS I REALLY LOOKING LIKE THAT...?
BLUSH
NO!
GLOW
BUT WHAT'S THAT PACKAGE YOU'VE GOT THERE?
OH! YEAH - I WANTED YOU TO REWRAP THIS BANDAGE.
DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT SOMETHING?
OH - THE CARETAKER SAID A PACKAGE HAD ARRIVED, SO I JUST WENT DOWN TO GET IT.
DUN!
STUFF?
OH! IS IT THE STUFF I ASKED HIM FOR?! ♡
IT'S FROM OUGIBASHI-KUN IN SECOND YEAR, ADDRESSED TO YOU, MR. KUSUMI...

HELL...
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN KINDA MEAN...
SO UNSOCIABLE...
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE'S COOKING.
WHEN HE'S COOKING...
IGNORE
SHOULD I HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING?
H...
HE
...HE LOOKS SO COOL...
WHEN HE'S WEARING THE CHEF'S UNIFORM, HE REALLY LOOKS LIKE A PRO, AND...
CAFETERIA
WAS HE... MAD ABOUT SOME-THING?
I'LL GET DINNER READY.
KCHUNK
...- HUH...?
HUH?! HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!
IS IT THE WOMAN ON THE PHONE?
...
...
...
...KEEP IT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE ELSE, WILL YA...?
IT'S EMBARRASSING, SO...

OH! LUCKY -
SIP
NOD NOD
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TASTE?
TIP
THEN HERE YOU GO -
IS IT GOOD?
HUH?
GULP
Y-YEAH.
THIS IS...
FLINCH
..HE'S ACTING A BIT...
STRANGE...
REALLY?
HUH?
?!
TWITCH
HIS TONGUE...!
SLIP
M -
MM!
SLURP
NN!
FLINCH
MMPH..
N...
SMACK
NN -

WHAT...?
LOVE...?
BA-THUMP
YOU DON'T NEED TO GET MARRIED
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
TAKE CARE OF...?
BA-THUMP
YES...
HAYASHI... COULD IT BE -
...ENOUGH TO BE JEALOUS OF YOUR LOVER I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN.
HA
...YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE WITH ME...?
BLUSH
Y... YOU!
EVEN FOR A JOKE - THIS IS TOO MUCH!
A JOKE?
WHAP
WHSH
PFWAH -
IF YOU'RE GOING TO EAT MY COOKING -
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO TASTE THIS MUCH...
I WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS -
...TO SOMEONE I DIDN'T LOVE.

SHIVER!
OH...
I LOVE YOU.
MY HEART IS RACING -
OH...
I SAID... DON'T...
SZZT
FLINCH
WITH HIS EVERY TOUCH
MY BODY LOSES STRENGTH...
... ...
SH... SHUT UP...
HUFF
HUFF
I SEE YOU'RE NOT ENTIRELY AGAINST THIS.
- M...
CLATTER
SOME SORT OF... MISUNDERSTANDING...?!
H...HE'S UNDER...
W... WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT LOVER...?
JOLT
WHAT SHOULD I DO ?
I SHOULDN'T WANT HIM TO, BUT..!
PANG
OH!
STOP - !
THIS IS NOT GOOD!
WE'RE BOTH MEN -
MR. KUSUMI...
TO HAVE HIM DO THIS TO ME -

NN... - AHH!
AHH - !
FUNDS FOR YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S WEDDING CEREMONY?!
TWITCH
I NEVER ONCE MENTIONED HAVING A FIANCEE EITHER!!
BLUSH
WAS CARRIED HERE
BUT YOU NEVER ONCE MENTIONED HAVING A YOUNGER SISTER...
TWITCH
AND IT FEELS...
SO RIGHT...
THEN...
WHY ARE YOU THE ONE THAT HAS TO GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE?
YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO MIZUKUSUMI? WHO SHALL I SAY IS CALLING?
EMI
CLICK
THAT EMI... SHE'S NOT GOOD AT SPEAKING TO PEOPLE OVER THE PHONE, SO...
...IS PROBABLY ALL SHE SAID...
...I'M GOING TO FINISH THIS MEAL - DO YOU WANT THAT?
IF YOU DON'T PROTEST MORE VEHEMENTLY -
THE SAME HANDS...
N..!
SHIVER
ZZT
THAT MAKE THOSE DELICATE MEALS
HUFF
JUST LIKE HE HANDLES THE FOOD WHEN HE'S PREPARING THOSE MEALS...
UHN -...
TWITCH
NN-...
HE HANDLES ME.. GENTLY, PRECIOUSLY...
ARE TOUCHING ME...
HUFF
PANT
HUH?
YOU SHOULD ASK THINGS LIKE THAT...
...BEFORE YOU START EATING...
IDIOT...!
I'LL GIVE YOU A TASTE
SUCH AS YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE.

DOES THAT MEAN...
WHAT?
YOU'D JUST BE A COMMON RAPIST...!
HMPH
- IF...
IF YOU DIDN'T LOVE ME...
AND LOOK AFTER ME!
YOU'D BETTER TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY...
AND THEN...
...NOW THIS -...
...
...
SHE HAD A BO- FRIEND!
BUT THEN AS SOON AS SHE GOT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL EMI SAYS SHE'S GETTING MARRIED -
I DIDN'T WANT TO MEET HIM, SO I'VE BEEN STAYING HERE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, UNTIL NEW YEAR'S...
CLENCH
MY PARENTS DIED EARLY... AND ME AND MY SISTER ONLY HAD EACH OTHER...
WE WERE RAISED AT MY GRAND-MOTHER'S...
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE POOR!
WHSH!
OWWW, MY HIPS
BUT I -
I HAVE NO REGRETS.

...H
...OT...
GRIP
IT'S HOT!
...
SHUFF
HUFF
HUSH...
LOOK
HUH ...?
WH...
WHEN DID I GET BACK TO THE DORMS...?
CHIRP
CHIRP
カノジョ
イジワルな手料理
FW
EXTRA EPISODE
CULINARY TEASE
SHOVE
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY!
REFLEX ACTION
ALREADY TRAINED WITH FOOD AS REWARD
I MADE NEW YEAR'S SOBA NOODLES... SHOULD I BRING IT TO YOU?
OH!
OF COURSE.
I INTEND TO.
THAT WHOLE CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTEST WAS SET UP JUST SO I COULD HOOK MR KUSUMI IN THE FIRST PLACE.♡
SAY AHH~♡
HE REALLY IS CUTE.♡
IT'S FINE.
BUT HAYASHI -
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR YOU TO HANG OUT WITH ME EVEN UNTIL NEW YEAR'S EVE LIKE THIS? WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY...
CULINARY TEASE / END

WHY -
OH... THANKS.
HUH?
WAIT A MINUTE!! YOU GRADUATED! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
SHH- IT'S NIGHT-TIME.
I'M HERE TO LOOK AFTER YOU, OF COURSE.♡
EVEN AFTER I GRADUATE -
I TOLD MR. KYONOHASHI, THE DORM SUPERVISOR, THAT IF ANY TROUBLING INCIDENT CAME UP CONCERNING YOU -
...HE WAS TO CALL ME RIGHT AWAY.

WEDDING RECEPTION
THAT GIRL THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HER TO GET MARRIED SO SOON!
HOHOHA HAHA
AFTER-PARTY
...IF I RECALL... TODAY ?
...WAS MY SISTER'S WEDDING...
URGH
I'M SURE OF IT...
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER THAT!
AHH!
HAYASHI!
OH? YOU WERE UP? MR. KUSUMI.
HUH...?
KOKK

WHAT WAS I THINKING JUST NOW?!
WHSH
Y... YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT'S ALL STICKY, SO I'LL GO AND CHANGE!
FLINCH
TUG
IT MAY BE JUNE, BUT THE NIGHTS CAN STILL GET COLD - YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
LONELY - ? I'M NOT -
YANK
YOU DO MISS ME, DON'T YOU...?
MR. KUSUMI -
IT'S OKAY! I CAN DO IT MYSELF -
YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE...
EVEN AFTER HAYASHI'S GRADUATED...
HE SOMETIMES COMES TO VISIT ME, BUT...
..FOR SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL LIKE THIS...
...AND ASKED ME TO BRING YOU BACK HERE. ♡
HE CALLS AND TELLS ME YOU PASSED OUT DRUNK AT YOUR SISTER'S WEDDING...
AND WHAT DO YOU KNOW -
HE'S PLAYING MAH JONG AGAIN?
HEH
CLATTER CLATTER
I'M REALLY BUSY RIGHT NOW -
I THOUGHT HE WAS A DREAM.
THE RESTAURANT WHERE I WORK IS CLOSED ON WEEKENDS.
TODAY'S A SATURDAY
- BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK, HAYASHI?
FOR A MOMENT-
..I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE HIM AS A PEON...
IN TRAINING AT HIS UNCLE'S RESTAURANT
I'M STILL A PEON THERE, SO I RARELY GET A CHANCE TO SLIP OUT DURING BUSINESS DAYS.
...IT'S A LITTLE LONELY...
YOU SEEM BUSY, SO...
...COMPARED TO WHEN I SAW HIM EVERY DAY...

I CAN'T SEE YOU EVERY DAY ANYMORE...
LIKE BACK WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT HERE...
...SO IT'S NO FUN...
THAT'S RIGHT - COME TO THINK OF IT...
YOU'RE NO LONGER MY TEACHER - I DON'T HAVE TO CALL YOU "MR. KUSUMI" ANYMORE, DO I? ♡
HUH?!
SHOHEI -
THAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME... ISN'T IT?
BLUSH
WHA-!!
IF YOU MISS MY COOKING SO MUCH...
...WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO BRING YOU A BOX LUNCH EVERY DAY?
YOU'RE BEING TOO FAMILIAR, HAYASHI!!
NOD
YEAH.
- BECAUSE...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT THE FOOD YOU MAKE...
MR. KU-...
...AND DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D AFTER ME...?
TOUTOU

HELLO, THIS IS **NABUKI KOUJIMA**.
"OUR KINGDOM" HAS NOW FINALLY MADE IT TO VOLUME 5!! I'M SO HAPPY... ☺ IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, LOYAL READERS. EVEN NOW, I AM GRATEFUL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. ♥ FOR THOSE OF YOU READING "" THIS TO THE VERY END, I LOVE YOU ALL. ♥

NOW, AT LAST, THE TWO MAIN CHARACTERS AKIRA AND REI, AND THE SIDE-CHARACTER COUPLES OF OKUMIYA AND SHIGURE ♥♥♥ AS WELL AS YUJI AND SAGIRI, HAVE ALL BEEN BLISSFULLY UNITED (THERE SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MANY WHO THOUGHT THAT YUJI WAS GOING TO BE PARTNERED WITH TONAMI, THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.)

AND NOW THAT THEY'VE ALL CONSUMMATED THEIR LOVE, MANY READERS MAY THINK THAT THE SERIES IS OVER - BUT IF YOU COULD FOLLOW ALONG FOR A BIT LONGER, I WOULD BE OVERJOYED. I PLAN TO CONTINUE FURTHER. AFTER ALL, I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT RAOUL ENDS UP HAPPY, ～ ☺ AND THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS I'D LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT, SUCH AS REI'S PAST IN AMERICA, AND MORE OF THE ADULT COUPLES LIKE OKUMIYA AND SHIGURE. ☺ OH, AND HIYORI AND TAMAKI, TOO...

THE CHARACTER OF HAYASHI SEMPAI IN THE BONUS SHORT STORY HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY NAME ONLY IN ANOTHER MANGA TITLED "SUNAO NI NARE! (BE HONEST!)". THESE TWO WERE FUN TO DRAW, ALSO.

FINALLY, TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE ME LETTERS: I'M VERY, VERY SORRY THAT I AM UNABLE TO WRITE YOU BACK. I AM ALWAYS FULL OF GRATITUDE AT YOUR WORDS. YOUR LETTERS GIVE ME ENERGY! I AM ALSO THANKFUL FOR ALL THE GIFTS ♥♥ I'M SO LUCKY... I WISH THERE WAS A WAY I COULD THANK YOU ALL SOMEHOW... ;;

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